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### **"Water On The Rise"**

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The old men say the sea is not forgiving  
That she aches for the living with an  
Eternal belly that swallowed her soul

They say he heard a voice that came from the sky  
And it told him what to do to survive  
So he took his axe to the cypress and oak  
He dug the bark and ripped the leaves  
That turned poison into air to breathe  
And he didn't stop until he'd built a boat

I was standing on a mountaintop  
And I stood still until I saw the water on the rise  
I watched as the buildings fell  
I had so much to say and no one to tell  
I thought of you as his ship went by  
I was the highest point of the planet Earth  
But lower than I'd ever been before  
I caught his eye and I saw him smile

I tried to understand what he'd done  
I weighed what he'd been given  
Against what he'd given up  
He gave up everything for love

As the gulls creaked a hymn  
He washed his hands of salt and sin  
And prayed for the water to get shallow  
He kept his fingers on his pulse  
To keep his mind off all he'd lost  
He chose the rosary  
I chose the gallows  
Because I'd rather be gone than stay here alone  
And have the whole wide world  
With nowhere to call home  
I'd rather be lost than have nowhere to go

I tried to understand what he'd done  
I weighed what he'd been given  
Against what he'd given up  
I'd give up everything for love

I'd rip the globe at the seams  
I'd let the whole world fall in the sea  
If I thought,  
If I thought it'd bring you closer to me

And I would rip the globe  
I would rip the globe  
I would rip the globe  
The globe, the globe  
I'd rip the globe at the seams  
I'd let the whole world fall in the sea  
If I thought,  
If I thought it'd bring you closer to me

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