

## Michael McGuire "Port Misery"

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**PORT MISERY** 

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The horizon is gathering omens and unshed tears, in the sky that

breeds itÂ's rain with lives and years, I stand in shadows of shelters

trying to re-chart this dream, but the sleepless sea is just an agent of

the unnamed stream.

And that ship that just cleared the harbor, off to some

some ancient star, itÂ's destination is a requiem for me, for my stop and

stay here in Port Misery.

The telling of all thoughts abide the hearing of mortal reason, every

wish itÂ's moon every man his season, my life my own fault my own

stupid creature, and the soulÂ's radio where there should be the song

of god we just get a preacher.

So these shipments of goods and gods own labors, sail for foreign

ports to enrich the living there, and IÂ'm left here with this sump of the

sea, my date and doom in Port Misery.

The untold mercies of the sea wait for ship and sailor, be it the sea

beds sleep or the port of callÂ's sex, but the land locked Captain can

beg no mercy from this dirt, only the rain fed harvest can he reap.

And these goings that leave scattered the seeds of these makings, are

worlds left with undocumented dreams and wakings, suns that spin

onto a new axis to create the milk of light, suffering sleepers anchored

to the bulk of endless night, so the lien-holders of grief collect their

earthly revenue, be the mines of heaven stripped for this debtors due,

and all of tomorrows yesterdays will make an endless work of sorrow, for the river has no excess of wealth the sea doesnÂ't

And so these ships sacrificed unto the seas endless

hunger, set sail to the unmade lands of life, while I try to outlive this death in me, right

here in the tear swung tides of Port Misery.

When will this hateful sea, send my ship back for me. sept. 07

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