## Okkervil River "Piratess"

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Who wrote those lines on the wall? Let's retrace where they scrawled ancient characters It's 2: 00 and your sister's slip, it falls And the afternoon crawls across the room and tackles her

I don't think that you would sink that ship that's only passing through

'Cause I don't believe that you might be a murderess But I saw inside each small, dark eye as it was turning blue

All the strength inside to do just what the captain says and hang the rest

And moved by the rhyme in the psalm We agreed that it was wrong and to believe in it Ooh, swooned the wall all night long But a lie's a lie, no matter what guy's breath's in it

I don't know that I would go that far down some dark avenue

With a whispering crew of shadows all protecting it But I saw inside each small white lie as it was turning true

The ability to do all things expected of it

I don't think that you would sink that ship that's only passing through

'Cause I don't believe that you might be a piratess Did you hide inside each small white lie, before you turned it true

The ability to do all things the captain says?

Oh murderess in the wilderness, with your victims all around you

Their combined love forms a pool your knife's reflected in

And now I'm ready, too, with my throat to you. On this mountain. By this moon.

And what I want the most to do is prove that I'm not like them

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