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"North By North"

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North by north—lest we have to settle down
We can sail without the wind in this town
Things that London never saw
Northern winters start to thaw;
To islands on the sea,
Lands I've never seen,
Things will get calmer—follow me.

You said a long long time ago
You were happy being someone
Let's go far far far from home
I'll be glad to be with someone

Land pneumonia, your engines in repair;
Plant begonias, and orchids in your hair.
Continents all made of clay
Dreamers leaving every day
To islands on the sea,
Lands I've never seen,
Things will get calmer—follow me.

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Someone told me you had oceans in your eyes
Cold as shadows over European skies
Coasting out the shallow day
Leaving London in decay
To islands on the sea,
Lands I've never seen,
Things will get calmer—follow me.

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