

Jonas Alaska

"October"

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on a day just like this on the ocean four years ago now
the wind was too strong the waves were too big three
young men
were thrown off the boat
and I was at home they were fighting towards mother
earth
and two of them died only twenty years after their birth
in October oh

and the last of the three was left hopelessly crying for
help
the wind was screaming but the silence was stronger
as he stood
with his feet in the kelp
the sun was still up but it was night time when I heard
who died
I only knew Eric because one time he gave me a ride
in October oh

Now I didn't know him well but I liked him he was one of
those guys
that everyone knew either liked him or not because there
were
no signs of lies in his eyes
I was seventeen years old the last time he spoke to me
now I'm twenty one and I'm older than he'll ever be
in October oh

my father is his mother's cousin so that makes us kin
I remember those family dinners and the old people's
funerals again and again
so strange looking round in the crowd when he
wouldn't be found
oh the look on the face of his brother when they
lowered him down
in October oh

October is the best turns roads into beautiful trails
the rime on the windows the leaves on your coat the frost
on the cars
and the rails

still out on the ocean those memories are bringing me
down
but i've heard there's a symphony playing you to sleep
when you drown
October again and again

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