

## Savannah Outen

### "Underture"

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Each man has a soul  
That struggles to escape  
And in the shallows of his dreams  
We can often see it's wake

For we all have our secrets  
That we all keep deep inside  
Away from light, in darkest night  
Where it's always safe to hide

Away from all that we should meet  
Less someone else should share  
That thing that hides inside our soul  
That we pray was never there

And out upon that ocean  
A lifetime from the shore  
Miguel stood his night watch  
Recalling everything he saw

For he was a deckhand

Aboard the "maersk dubai"  
He had sailed her round the world  
From hamburg to sendai

But this trip had been different  
More than any he had known  
For on board there was an evil  
And the evil had been shown

For halfway through this voyage  
They had found two stowaways  
That the captain had thrown in the sea  
And left them to the waves

And when he tried to close his eyes

And pretend he did not know  
The evil did not go away  
But used the time to grow

For later on that same trip  
They found a stowaway once again  
But the captain soon met this one too  
And brought him to the same cold end

He wondered what that boy thought inside  
Before that final sleep  
When water was all that was around  
And his lungs had screamed breathe deep

He wondered what went through his mind  
As he gasped for air  
And the last moment when he prayed for help  
To find nobody there

He wondered to himself  
If he could have been the one  
To stand up at that moment

And say this cannot be done

To stand up to the captain  
And say this thing it cannot be  
But there is nothing closer to god on earth  
Than a captain on the sea

And he was just a deckhand  
With no right to plead the case  
Of this stranger in their midst  
And so he kept his place

And what is done is done  
And undone cannot be  
And so he pushed it from his mind

And stared out across the sea

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