Savatage "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 its 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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