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### "Seven Mile Bridge"

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Dedicated to the wife's of sailors everywhere and to  
the grandfather who never got to hear my stories and  
songs.

YOU KNOW, AS A CHILD, HE HEARD TELL OF THE SEVEN  
MILE BRIDGE

THAT CONNECTED ON MARATHON SHORE

YES, AND IT WAS THE GATEWAY KEY WEST HIS  
GRANDPA

HAD TOLD HIM TEN TIMES OR MORE.

THE STORIES OF SOME SAILORS CURSE ON THE BRIDGE

WHERE IT OPENS TO LET THE BOATS THROUGH

BUT THE NATIVES ALL LAUGH AT GRANDPAS OLD  
STORIES

AND SWEAR THAT IT JUST ISN'T TRUE

NOW MOST OF THEM SAIL ACROSS TO MIAMI

FROM THE EDGE OF THE BLUE WATER LINE

WITH CRAWFISH AND SNAPPERS TO SELL AT THE  
MARKET

FOR MONEY TO SPEND ON SOME WINE

THEY ALWAYS CROSS THROUGH AT THE SEVEN MILE  
BRIDGE

EXCEPT WHEN THE MOON COMES OUT FULL

THEY'RE NOT SUPERSTITIOUS THEY TELL YOU AS THEY  
ARE

REPEATING THAT OLD SEAMAN'S RULE  
WATCH OUT FOR THOSE OUTLAWS AND PIRATES  
LORD KNOWS THAT THEY'LL STEAL YOU BLIND  
DON'T MESS AROUND WITH THOSE CUTTHROATS AND  
THIEVES  
THEY'RE ROBBERS AND KILLERS OF TIME  
AND THERE'S NOTHING WORSE THAN AN OLD SAILORS  
CURSE  
ON THE SEVEN MILE BRIDGE WHERE YOU FIND  
THEY'RE STEALING THE FUTURE AND MAKING BELIEVE  
THE PAST IS STILL SOMEWHERE BEHIND  
THE SEVEN MILE BRIDGE , THE SEVEN MILE BRIDGE  
AND HE FOUND A WOMAN WHO'D COME HERE FROM  
CUBA  
SHE GAVE HIM A SON AND A DREAM  
THEY LIVED IN A CONCH HOUSE SOMEWHERE ON  
STOCK ISLAND  
WITH THE SEVEN MILE BRIDGE IN BETWEEN  
SHED SPENT HER NIGHTS ON THE WINDOW WALK  
WONDERING  
IF HE'D SAFELY PULL THROUGH T

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