

Tim O'Brien "What Does the Deep Sea Say?"

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Where is my sailor boy? Where is my sailor boy?
He sleeps at the bottom of the deep blue sea
And he can't come back to me

I stand on the beach alone and gaze at the misty blue
Deep sea, as you hold him to your breast
Does he mention my name to you?

What does the deep sea say? What does the deep sea
say?
It moans, it groans, it splashes and it foams
And it rolls on it's weary way

Oh, please tell me, deep blue sea, is he sleeping
peacefully?
The winds from the north are blowing icy cold
Please keep him warm for me

If only my dreamin' soul, some token of love could find
If only the waves would show me where he sleeps
Then I'd leave this world behind

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A beautiful rose one day, I placed on the crest of a
wave
I said, "Take it please and let the petals fall
Above his watery grave"

The driftwood I watched in vain, my rose never came
back again
So wave take another message to my love
Sayin', "I'll be here above"

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