

The Dawntreader

[Joni Mitchell](#)

Peridots and periwinkle blue medallions
Gilded galleons spilled across the ocean floor
There's treasure somewhere in the sea, he will find where
Never mind their questions there's no answer for
But the roll of the harbor wake, the songs that the rigging makes
The taste of the spray he takes and he learns to give
He aches and he learns to live, he stakes all his silver
On a promise to be free, mermaids live in colonies
All his sea dreams come to me
City satins left at home I won't need them
I believe him when he says he loves me
There's something truthful in the sea your lies will find you
Leave behind your streets he said and come here to me
Come down from the neon nights, come down from the tourist sights
Come down till the rain delights you, you don't have to hide
Sunlight will renew your pride, skin white by skin golden
Like a promise to be free, dolphins are playing in the sea
And all his sea dreams come to me
Seabird, I have seen you fly above the pilings
I am smiling at your circles in the air
I will come and sit by you while he lies sleeping
Fold your fleet wings, I have brought my dreams to share
A dream that you love someone, a dream that the wars are done
A dream that you tell no one but the gray sea
They'll say that you're crazy and a dream of a baby
Like a promise to be free, children laughing out to sea
All his sea dreams come to me
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