

# The Ocean

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When I went to your town  
On the wide open shore  
Oh, I must confess, I was drawn  
I was drawn to the ocean I thought it spoke to me, It said, "Look at us  
We're not churches, not schools  
Not skating ponds, swimming pools  
And we have lost people, haven't we though?"  
Oh, that's what the ocean can know of a body And that's when I came back to town  
This town is a song about you  
You don't know how lucky you are  
You don't know how much I adore you  
You are the welcoming, back from the ocean I went back to the ocean today  
With my books and my papers  
I went to the rocks by the ocean  
But the weather changed quickly Oh, the ocean said, "What are you trying to find  
I don't care, I'm not kind  
I've bludgeoned your sailors  
I've spat out their keepsakes  
Oh, it's ashes to ashes, but always the ocean" But the ocean can't come to this town  
This town is a song about you  
You don't know how lucky you are  
You don't know how much I adore you  
You are the welcoming back from the ocean And the ones that can know you so well  
Are the ones, that can swallow you whole  
I have a good and I have an evil  
I thought the ocean, the ocean thought nothing  
You are the welcoming back from the ocean I didn't go back today, I wanted to show you  
That I was more land than water  
I went to pick flowers, I brought them to you  
Look at me, look at them, with their salt up the stem  
But you frowned when I smiled and I tried to arrange them You said, "Let me tell you the song of this town"  
You said, "Everything closes at five  
After that, well you just got the bars" You don't know how precious you are  
Walking around with your little shoes dangling  
I am the one who lives with the ocean  
It's where we came from, you know  
And sometimes I just want to go back  
After a day, we drink 'til we're drowning Walk to the ocean, wade in with our workboots  
Wade in our workboots, try to finish the job

You don't know how precious you are  
I am the one who lives with the ocean  
You don't know how, I am the one  
You don't know how, I am the one

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