

The King Of The Unknown Sea

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Beneath the turquoise pools and emerald jewels

There lie the broken spines of seven ships

The skulls of careless fools and coins of gold

Pour from the banks that proffer puckered lips

I am the king of all of you

The timid land

The unknown sea

And all that lies between

So then come away you frail of breath

You feeling tired of life

And scared of death

You stain the air with your half hearted wit

A few steps more will make an end of it

-chorus

She'll wander on a strand of dying light

She'll wonder who may answer whispered prayers

The coral and the pearl that hold you tight

May grace the throat of those the ocean spares

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