

Southern Cross

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Got out of town on a boat
Goin' to Southern Islands
Sailing a reach
Before a followin' sea
She was makin' for the trades
On the outside
And the downhill run
To Papeete
Off the wind on this heading
Lie the Marquesas
We got eighty feet of the waterline
Nicely making way
In a noisy bar in Avalon
I tried to call you
But on a midnight watch I realized
Why twice you ran away
Think about
Think about how many times I have fallen
Spirits are using me, larger voices callin'
What Heaven brought you and me
Cannot be forgotten
(Been around the world)
I have been around the world
(Lookin')
Lookin' for that woman-girl
(Who knows she knows)
Who knows love can endure
And you know it will
When you see the Southern Cross
For the first time
You understand now
Why you came this way

'Cause the truth you might be runnin' from
Is so small
But it's as big as the promise
The promise of a comin' day
So I'm sailing for tomorrow
My dreams are a dyin'

And my love is an anchor tied to you
Tied with a silver chain
I have my ship
And all her flags are a flyin'
She is all that I have left
And music is her name
Think about
Think about how many times I have fallen
Spirits are using me, larger voices callin'
What Heaven brought you and me
Cannot be forgotten
(I been around the world)
I have been around the world
(Lookin')
Lookin' for that woman-girl
Who knows love can endure
And you know it will
And you know it will, yes
So we cheated and we lied
And we tested
And we never failed to fail
It was the easiest thing to do
You will survive being bested
Somebody fine will come along
Make me forget about loving you
And the Southern Cross

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