

# john allyn smith sails (acoustic)

## Okkervil River

By the second verse, dear friends  
My head will burst, my life will end  
So I'd like to start this one off by saying  
Live and loveI was young and at home in bed  
And I was hanging on the words some poem said  
And thirty-one

I was impressionable, I was upsettableI tried to make my breathing stop, my heart beat slow  
So when my mom and John came in I would be coldFrom a bridge on Washington Avenue  
The year of 1972

Broke my bones and skull  
And it was memorableIt was half a second and I was halfway down  
Do you think I wanted to turn back around  
And teach a class

Where you kiss the ass that I've exposed to youAnd at the funeral the university  
Cried at three poems they'd present in place of a broken meI was breaking in a case of suds  
At the brass rail, a fall-down drunk

With his tongue torn out  
And his balls removedAnd I knew that my last lines were gone  
While stupidly I lingered on  
Other wise men know

When it's time to go and so I should tooAnd so I fly into the brightest winter sun  
Of this frozen town

I'm stripped down to move on  
My friends, I'm goneWell, I hear my father fall and I hear my mother call  
And I hear the others all whispering, come home

I'm sorry to go, I loved you all so  
But this is the worst trip I've ever been onSo hoist up the John B. sail

(Hoist up the John B. sail)

See how the main sail sets

(See how the main sail sets)I've folded my heart in my head

And I wanna go home

With a book in my hand

In the way I had planned

Well, this is the worst trip I've ever been onHoist up the John B. sail

(Hoist up the John B. sail)

See how the main sail sets

(See how the main sail sets)I've folded my heart in my head

And I wanna go home

With a book in each hand

(With a book in each hand)  
In the way I had planned  
(In the way I had planned)I feel so broke up  
I wanna go home

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