

On the Surface

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It was cold on the docks that night
As a frozen white light
Shone across my shoes
As I stood in the darkest blue
There came a light towards me
On the water that lay before me
And I could not wait to touch
The frozen hands that had felt so much
I heard a song inside of me
It resonated off the sea
And all the chorus voices sang it back to me
If life is an ocean then I'm only on the surface
This is where they come in
Where some lives end and some begin
And this is where I like to stand

And watch the swirling ways of man
To stir humanity divisions of dignity
To see what will conspire
If I throw myself into its fire
I heard a song inside of me
It resonated off the sea
And all the chorus voices sang it back to me
If life is an ocean, then we're only on the surface
I heard a voice inside of me
I looked up and I saw the sky scream
And there was light everywhere
If life is an ocean then I must be on the surface
Only on the surface

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