

Love & Lonely Hearts

Ode to Rosalynd and Kydd

(From Stockwin's "The Admirals
Daughter")

It was such a sunny day
Making plans for her wedding day
A short cruise to ...
For her rig.

The sexton said, "A black squall blew
Sank the ship took Rosalynd too
And when they told him...
Kydd, he just went crazy.
Said it ain't fair...she died too soon
Our love...was just a bloom
But death tore the petals...
All away.

Tell me Renzi what do I do
I feel like...I been run thru
When I close my eyes...
I see her face.

Grog on my breath...shaky hands
Dreams are drowned...I'm a
desperate man
All I got left...is you friend...
And the jealous sea,
It took her from me.

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Sailor's Farewell (HMS SeaWolf)

The day is dark and dreary,
I can smell the rain.
I'm sailing with the tide.
Will I stand the pain?
Tearful eyed she waves goodbye,
Watching as I go.
It's a conflict of emotion, Waging war in my
soul.

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Shadows on your Mind

Baby I see shadows on your mind
It's a far away place that's calling you
tonight
You once had a dream you're still hoping
to
find

I know that look I've seen it one time
It's a humdrum life in which we all live
I sense a Need that hasn't been filled
I see the mist that fills up your eyes
After all these years don't look so
surprised

I seen it before just before you go
So listen closely I want you to know
If you're going I'm going too
Cause baby I'm wrapped up in you
So close your eyes and try to relax
You've had a hard day, let me lay you
back

I'll spread my wings, we'll take a flight
There's no hurry if it takes all night
Cause baby, I'm wrapped up in you
Yes baby, I'm wrapped up in you

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Return to Port

Rain falls when it wants to,
Like the wind that fills our sail.
I recall the tears on her face,
When we said our farewells.
Her memory's like a dagger,
The blade, cold and sharp.
All the nights I walked these decks,
With a lonely aching heart.
Tomorrow we'll return to port;
This cruise is finally over.
She'll be standing on the pier,
Waiting for me to hold her.

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Home to See My Family*

There's weeds growing in the yard
Paint...is peeling off the boards
There is just an empty space
Where once...there hung a door. The old
lady from across the way
Said those folks...They're long gone.
The press gang took him away.
She waited... 'till the baby came along.
She didn't know where they went
But the Vicar... he might know.
I said thank you ...picked up my bag
And headed down that lonesome road.
I recall those happy days
She would laugh...and sing me songs.
But that was fifteen years ago,
Now everything...I care about...is gone.
I came home to see my family
God it's been way too long
I came home to see my family
I wish I knew where they had gone.
I pulled my collar closer
There's a chill in the air
I'll travel to her mother's place
I hope she'll be there.
*Dedicated to all the men who were
caught
by the Press Gang and were taken from
their families.
Some of which were never heard from
again.

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Escape

You broke my heart,
Time and time again.
I lost count,
Of all your men.
But tonight,
It's gonna end.
I'm tired of your cheating ways.
The Captain said,
He had a place for me.
On the morning tide,
We'd put to sea.
He gave me a list,
Of things I'd need.
The voyage was going to be
long. I told her,
I had work come in.
I'd be home,
But I didn't know when.
I gave it an hour,
Then I snuck in.
I ended their cheating days.
From the deck,
I can see a glow.
The flames of hell, Continue to
grow. When they are out No
one will know;
That one of them ain't me.

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Dances in the Rain

We have no way of knowing
Just what the future brings
And all I have to offer
Is just some simple things
A warm fire in the winter
Flowers in the spring
But I'll give you all my love
And Dances in the Rain

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Man Without a Dream

I never thought that life would pass me by
so soon.

My mind drifts back in time to a silver
summer moon

But that was in the past, the dreams have
died away

So I exist and live day to day

I met a girl, dark hair and sparkling eyes
The kiss she gave to me, took me by
surprise

But I had nothing to offer, she quickly
turned away

She didn't want me hurt, if trouble came
our way

I hope someday to see her; she has to
know the truth

Life came between us but my heart want
turn her loose

So I pull my collar closer and face into the
wind

A love like I lost will seldom come again
Now I'm a dreamer, without any dreams
And loves been abandoned, or so it seems
The fires in my heart have now grown old
A man without a dream is a man... without

a
Soul

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Every Port

I's a sailing man,
On a Man 'O War.
I's sailed the world,
It be every port,
I's left me heart, wid
some pretty girl.

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Daddy, I Hope You Made it Home

A branch is barely hanging...from a tree
that's almost gone

I hear the old folks whisper... "Why did I
come home?"

I walk down by the graveyard ...as the snow
fills with snow

The years rush before me ...and the
memories start to flow

There's a statue down on Main Street...
tribute to our vets

The cries of "Nam" still wake me...chilled
and soaked in sweat

I drive on down the by-pass ...where his
store used to be

The gang would always hang there...it
been

closed since 03

I stop by the high school ...it was the
center of our lives

The hall and bells are silent now ...still a
the night

I see the basement steps there ...where
one time after dark

A sweet girl gave me all she had ...I
promised her my heart.

They said the house was haunted ...down
the winding gravel road

We threw rocks thru empty doorways ...
hear the night echo

I never saw a ghost ...but a phantom filled
my soul

As shadows dance on headlights...in the
trees...where the moss hangs low

Now I got his pick-up...Got his old guitar
But they don't feel this empty space ...

feel in my heart

Now that he's gone ...I feel so all alone.

Daddy I hope you made it home...

Yes daddy I hope you made it home.

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Rushing Waters

Staring over the ocean I see the evening
tide
I hear the wind a rushing thru the palm
trees at my side
I feel the urge to swim out in your waters
deep and cold
Hoping you can purge these troubled
thoughts from my soul
Oh tell me rushing waters, where did it go
wrong
And why with her standing here do I feel
so all alone
I see you rushing waters, want you talk to
me
When I go out walking where the sand
meets the sea

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Spending Time Alone

As you brushed your lips against me
Felt a tear on my cheek
Love so soft and gentle
Teary eyed you try to speak
Softly you whisper
I can't see you anymore
I still hear the echoes
The slamming of the door
Can't explain these feeling
Emotions run thru my mind
She had a need
I need I didn't find
Now I know the answer
The silence brings it home
Life is pure hell
Spending time alone

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Sunken Love

He told that he loved her,
He'd be gone, but not for long.
And if she watched the beaches,
She'd see his sails coming home.
They say it was a hurricane,
Took her man and drowned their
dreams. Just another victim,
A ship lost on the sea.
But if you go down to ,
Along the shoreline late that
night,
You can hear a young girl's
voice, Above the rushing tide.
And if you go down to the beach,
There's footprints in the sand.
Where she walks the Savannah
Beaches, Waiting for her man.

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He Whispered Softly

He whispered softly and he told her,
Lay your head down on my shoulder.
I'll be gentle, so don't you worry,
But time's so short we have to hurry.
Tomorrow morn my ship must sail.
The time is now for our farewell.
But I'll be back someday, you'll see.
Now the drums are calling me.
Dry your tears, no need in crying.
Even though they say I'm dying.
You know my battles are fought and won,
And you have my baby son.
He whispered softly and he told her,
Lay your head down on my shoulder.
I'll be gentle, so don't you worry,
But time's so short we have to hurry.

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Left Her Crying

Left her crying on the pier,
When we put out to sea.
Now every night I walk these decks,
'Cause I can't go to sleep.
Every time I close my eyes,
I can see her face.
Makes me wonder if her love,
Is nothing but a waste.
My heart so empty,
When she is not around.
And if she needed help,
Where would it be found.

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In My Dreams

I lean in to kiss you
Pull your body close to me Then I
awaken
It was just a Dream
In my Dreams
I make love to you
Hold you so close Breathe the air
you breathe In my dreams
I'm a lucky man
We go out dancing
Take walks hand-hand
In My Dreams

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A Woman's Lonely Heart

You don't have to tell me,
I've come to understand.
Takes a certain kind of woman,
To love a sailing man.
I tried to make you love me,
You tried to find the spark.
But, a ship that sails,
Kills the flames in a lonely heart.

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Come to Me

Baby come to me while, I'm in Portsmouth
The ships gonna be here, a month or so
We can get us a room, over a tavern
And love away the hours, while I'm ashore
Baby come to me
She said you're the only man, I've ever loved
But a sailor's life, is just to hard to live
All the sea does is take away, and I've given
all I have to give
Baby come to me
Baby come to me as the snow falls
We'd move up so high, you can't see the sea
You can build us a little cabin, and every
night you you can make love to me
Baby come to me
He said I'd love to be with you, in the
mountains
But the sea is the only life, I've ever known
Now it's time for us, to weigh anchor
By the time you get this letter, I'll be gone
I wish you'd come to me
She cried I wish you'd come to me

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