

The Young Girl Night

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*If I had known how the water was
I never would have come.
The waves like frightened kids ride home,
At night to the tired sun.*

*I left my home in the hollow hills,
To see the world and the whalers' ways.
But I ain't nothin' but a butcher boy,
Or a slave on a sailin' sleigh.*



*We got guys from Portugal, New
Hampshire and Japan,
Venezuela, Chinatown,
It's like the world in a teacup man.*



*I climbed at night to the nest of the crows,
To keep a lookout far and wide.
I saw that diamond whale spray rise,
Like stars in a velvet sky.*



*The Young Girl Night she smiled,
Just like a lady does a man.
And put the diamond stars, like a ring
On the finger of her hand.*



*Should I cry out, alert the crew,
That there's a whale to lower for?
To kill beast would mean no rings for the
Young Girl Night no more.*



*"Thar she blows." I yelled. They lowered.
Quickly it was done.
I breathed a little easier,
In the morning when I saw the sun.*



*I told the crew about the vision,
Boldly at midday.
“I think that we have angered something,
That was angry anyway”.*



CREW: Why did you not hold your tongue and let the whale fish live to sprout bright diamonds like a groom, his bride the night to give?

SAILOR: T'was you who killed.

CREW: You who called it.

They cast me in a raft.

On purple heels the evening slipped away.

"Good night", they laughed.



CHORUS:

*Seabird sun do wait for me.
The darkness coming on.
Before the Young Girl Night finds out
What I have done.
I did not mean to kill the thing.
The one thing that she loved.
I swear by the deep blue sea
And the sky above.*



Interlude -

*Up rose the wind like a lullaby.
Up rose the stars in the sky.
Up rose the wind like a lullaby.
Waves flowed like tears passing by.*

The Young Girl Night appears:

*"I wonder," she asked, "Have you been here
long?" "I wonder," she asked, "Have you seen?"
"I wonder," she asked, "Could you tell me please,
A whale spoutin' stars from the sea?"*



Sailor (aside):

"She don't know what she ain't seen, I could tell her anything. I could lie about the ship, the crow's nest, everything."

The Young Girl Night:

"I fear that he may have come to harm. There's whalin' ships on the sea. I fear that he may have come to harm. Could you tell me where he may be?"

Sailor (aside):

"Should I confess what I have done, or hope to reach the light? A simple sailor pray to fool the mourning velvet night?"



The Young Girl Night:

*“What would you do then with such a one?
What would you do with one who? What would
you do then with such a one, as took your true
love from you?”*

Sailor:

*“Surely, My Lady, I’d see him drown. Wherever
that sailor might be. Surely, My Lady, I’d see
him drown, Whose cry took my true love from
me. No diamonds no more to grace my hand.
No gifts for a groom’s bride to be. No one to
wait with the lonely night. I’d kill who had took
that from me.”*



The Young Girl Night:

"It was you who made the cry, The 'thar she blows' they sing. The Young Girl Night sees sailors, ship, the crow's nest, everything. By your own sentence doomed to death. One thing I ask of you, Do you have a true love back on shore who waits for you?"

*The sailor cowered,
Doomed to death and sorry for his sin.
He thought of her away on shore
Awaitin' there for him.
The sailor cowered feared to speak, the Young Girl spoke instead.*



*I have heard her prayer this night,
That you were back in bed.
I shall not hurt her. Shall not have my
vengeance and my wrath. I shall see you safe to
shore this night upon your raft.*

Chorus:

*The sea bird sun shall wait for you.
The dark night let you go.
To live on shore in happiness
That I will never know.
You did not mean to kill my love. whose stars
rose from the sea.
And I shall not take from your love, the love
you took from me."*

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