

## SEA FEVER

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I must down to the seas again  
To the lonely sea and the sky  
And all I ask is a tall ship  
And a star to steer her by  
And the wheel's kick and the wind's song  
And the white sail's shaking  
And a grey mist on the sea's face  
And a grey dawn breaking.

I must down to the seas again  
For the call of the running tide  
Is a wild call and a clear call  
That may not be denied  
And all I ask is a windy day  
With the white clouds flying  
And the flung spray and the blown spume  
And the seagulls crying.

I must down to the seas again  
To the vagrant gypsy life  
To the gull's way and the whale's way  
Where the wind's like a whetted knife  
And all I ask is a merry yarn  
From a laughing fellow-rover  
And quiet sleep and a sweet dream  
When the long trick's over