

HORIZONS

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At one point I was taking steps
That now have turned to shallow breaths
These waves once underneath my feet
Have risen to my chest

So what happened?
Where did things go wrong?
And what did I forget?

Because I followed you onto these waves
But now it's like you left

So look to the horizon
Cooling with the setting sun
Soon I fear the night will take me
And the waves will all have won

I look back to the shore
That at one time was my home
And the wind picked up and shouted
"That's where you should go"

But something brought me out here
A voice I can't deny
But that voice is still and quiet
Compared to whipping lies

And while I've wasted precious breath
Shouting up into the sky
The waves have risen to my neck
And the horizon lost its light

You told me "lean in"
And I fell
You told me "obey"
And waves swelled

So why bring me out to simply drown?
Why pull me in to cast me out?

And will all of your promises
Be enough to hold me now?



And then I see him
So calm upon waves
Striding toward me
So sure to save

And as he speaks
The whirlwind halts
The waves go still
As on them he walks

And as I watch
My footing becomes sure
And as he speaks
Steady promises are heard

“My Love you’ll feel
and you’ll drown in such pain
but know not for a moment
will I not stay
These waves they are promised
The winds no surprise
But you were submerged in grace
Before any lies
And where there’s dark horizon
The sun will rise
You’ve seen and watched
For your whole life
The darkness break
As the clouds ignite
I am the same now
As I walked with you into darkness
I’ll lead the way out
So chin up
And heart strong
Those shores so safe
Are not where you belong”

