

Hall Kristen, Following My Compass

(background vocals by Emily Saliers of the Indigo Girls)

i am the navigator of the seas
i built the ocean from my tears
i go whichever way the wind might blow
i've been drifting for what seems a hundred years
tragically not knowing i could steer
the waves feel like a love i thought i knew
i hold my breath while we ascend
and love is nothing but a memory now
like the port of every place i've ever been
and the sails feel like my only friend
i've been looking for a special place
just for me and no one else
and if you want me you can find me
i'll be crossing the atlantic without charts
i'm the ferdinand magellan of these parts
i'm just following my compass
following my compass in the dark
the wind is with me under coral skies
and in my wake i leave behind
a trail of others who will never seek
and because they never seek, they never find
and they argue that it's all a waste of time
today marks twenty years of endless seas
and true i'm weathered from her storms
my sails are ragged but my sights are set
on the comfort of a more forgiving shore
and a life that's more worth living for
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