

Two Gallants, The Deader

So now let me tell you about this girl of mine
Heart like all men's dreams in the days of 49
I turn hollow no me more swallow this fast only she breaks
But distance keeps her miles or meters what difference does it make
Because here they come again to repossess my dreams
Child don't play yourself things are never what they seem
A bridge a river a pale moon sliver city shines so bright
But to my despair I wake up where they sleep out every night
And the girl I love is oh so far away
I wonder can she hear me as I go through my day
Oh now the bleating sea she laps upon my door
I'll round a thousand horns just to drown upon her shore
Blood red roses go down Moses oh billowing sails
Those so weak-willed guts al sea-filled thrown them o'er the rails
Boys tighten up the jib and sing a hearty song
We been driftin, driftin, for far too long
I take no care me I'm so bare-breasted on the bow
Scabbed and wheathered skin of leather who's the deader now
The girl I love is oh so oh so far away
I wonder can she hear me as I go through my day
It's so long lady angel I guess I'll go away
But I do believe I'm aging right before your eyes
I wash up on her coast not a nickel to my name
Sold my gold watch and chain
Enough to hire a band of lyres to march me on my way
Through hills and valleys sugar ditch alleys up to her hingless gate
The girl I love is oh so oh so far away
I wonder can she hear me as I go through my day
It's so long lady angel I guess I'll go away
But I do believe I'm aging right before your eyes
Cock crow in the morning heard it loud and clear
Ask her for to marry she answers with a tear
Boy you have my heart and you know you always will
But that ain't enough to hold me cause love don't pay the bills
I turned away in shame for all my days in vain
Guess I'll just drag on no one loves you till you're gone
Let the river be my guide let the desert be my bride
Till m heart turns to steel till I no longer feel
That the girl I love is oh so oh so far away
I wonder can she hear me as I go through my day
It's so long lady angel I guess I'll go away
But I do believe I'm aging right before your eyes