

Sandpiper's song

(Dark Island)

The tide's on the turn and the boat must away
and your sad eyes reveal what the heart cannot say.
Every step to the quay is a mile of the way
from the island that can't stop you leaving today

Chorus:

Come again, come again, sing the sandpiper's song
come back to the island where you belong.
And the isle that is home wherever you stray
will blossom its flowers in welcome one day

Chorus

Oh load up the boat and we'll cast her away.
See the waves show their teeth on the rocks in the bay.
Turn your back on the hills, turn your face to the sea,
turn away from the island you're leaving today.

Chorus

Oh the water is deep, watch the waves turn to grey
and the islands astern, a lifetime away.
You can turn to the hills, you can just see the way
turn and smile to the island you're leaving today

Chorus

Oh isle of my childhood I'm dreaming of thee
As the ship leaves Oban and passes Tiree.
Soon I'll capture the magic that lingers for me
when I'm back once more upon the dark island

Chorus

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