

Standing Eight Count

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In which direction are we going?
How many runaways are we stowing?
Over the Black Sea with your arms around me
In whose honor have we gone missing?
I am too hungry to imagine
A different ending to this famine
In the building chaos of calendars and clocks
I missed a mark somewhere and I got us lost
It's a standing eight count

Out on the dark and shore-less waters
Comrade do you think we'll go under?
On which horizon is my lover waking up?
You pass this bottle and then I think too much
Now lean your body up against me
And make believe that you still want me
The swell of white caps and a silver streak of light
Right on the bowline we pay dearly for our size
It's a standing eight count

Lessons will come, wisdom will wait
Whatever it does it's too late
What good are we now?
Our backs on the ground
Our faces both bloodied and bowed
When we oughta know better by now

The flat and troubled shapeless earth
Oh it stretches further than you've heard
There's no love like our love and I know that none is cursed
You hurt the ones you love and we couldn't do much worse

How many fingers am I showing?
How many tears are you withholding?
There's beads of sweat pouring in our eyes
If it were blood we wouldn't know it
It's a stand...
It's a standing eight count