

# The Voyage of Endurance

Nightingale

Their destination: The Kingdom of Ice  
A hell that already froze over  
The roar of the engine  
The smell of the sea  
The captain and crew celebrate  
They're on their way

Many before them had witnessed the might  
And the cold in this desert in white  
Unveiling the mysteries unknown to man  
A quest for the breathtaking sight

"By endurance we conquer", he said  
As they slowly made way to their goal  
The ship carried on through the wild open sea  
With everything under control  
They're on their way

Then the mighty Atlantic  
A beast no one can tame  
Showed its most combative side  
The waves ever rising  
No mercy in sight  
Drifting off course all the time

Held by the chains of the wind  
And the green heart is punished by ice  
Sadly adrift on a treacherous sea  
They fear there might be no return  
But they carry on

Days from their goal  
A miscalculated decision  
Imprisoned by ice  
So close to open water

Dreams crumble to dust  
As the sun sank below the horizon  
The long winter began  
Months of perpetual darkness

Then the sea came to life  
But Endurance gave up to the torment  
They abandoned ship  
And hurriedly made their escape

Further away from land  
Than where when they started  
Tormented by hunger and thirst  
Losing their faith  
Facing disaster

After a year on the ice  
Finally land was in sight  
Safe on the island a few men decide  
On a journey to find their salvation

Luck and their knowledge of stars  
Brought them to their destination  
Arranged for the rescue of the ones left behind  
All men were brought back alive