

On the Surface

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On the surface
Phosphorus gleaming;
Deep down we carry on dreaming.

On the surface
Compass and charts checked;
Deep down the currents run
In a shining vortex,
In a swirling vortex.

On the surface
Oil troubled water
Sails set the seas on fire
To the farthest quarter...
Are we dreaming?
Dream deep of childhood,
Dream deep of future days -
It'll all come good,
Deep dreaming.

On the surface
Head above water
Legs kick the carry-on...
(dreaming) break the surface;
Dreaming of long-lost childhood,
Hoping for better days -
It'll all come good,
Deep dreaming.

It'll all come good,
Deep dreaming.
It'll all come to the surface,
It'll all rise to the surface,
Deep dreaming.