

11.) The Sea's Revenge

(A narrow light rises on JORDAN, dressed for the wedding, seated on the bench at the edge of the stage. He watches, transfixed. OLD DECKHAND moves into the darkness as the roar of wind and ocean builds. With each flash of lightning, members of the crew appear, pitching, crawling, and struggling to remain upright as the ship is tossed, the pallet of barrels above, swinging perilously.)

OLD DECKHAND

And the sea rose up
A furious roar
Waves crashed all around
One man overboard

Our faces were pelted
With stinging snow
Fierce wind took our breath
As we pitched to and fro

Great shards of ice
Like bolts from the sky
Cut through our clothing
Piercing our skin

Steel drums above
Swung hard in their lashings
One thundered down
Crushing our bones

In desperate prayer
Some fell to their knees
Calling to God

(crossing to JORDAN.)

Who would not answer their pleas

(sudden silence as stage goes black but for the narrow beam of light on JORDAN and OLD DECKHAND.)

12.) Silence

(OLD DECKHAND sings with no music, no sound other than the sound of his voice.)

OLD DECKHAND

And then...silence

OLD DECKHAND (cont.)

No dawn
No shore
No wind
No wave
The sea is dead
The sky is black

The air held its breath
But this was not the peace of death

(a deep groan rises from beneath the ship. The sound of ice cracking spreads through the darkness.)

It was a waiting silence
A silence that would break
And once it broke
There was no going back

13.)The Frozen Fortress

(a deafening boom pierces the air, as light rises on CREWMEMBERS, standing on deck, terrified. The voices find a common rhythm as walls of ice begin to rise, slowly from the sea, frozen slabs in white, blue, and green, rising, encircling the ship, as the voices echo the chaos, as NINI, TY, AND JASMINE sing, slightly overlapping.)

NINI

No dawn
No shore

TY

No wind
No wave

JASMINE

The sea is dead
The sky is black

ALL

The ice is closing
All around

(the rumbling of the rising ice continues. CREWMEMBERS continue their quiet chant of "No dawn, no shore..." as OLD DECKHAND turns to JORDAN.)

OLD DECKHAND

Wall after wall
Higher and higher
Blue as lips
On a drowning man
Green as rotting flesh
White as the look
in a dead man's eye
It rose
To bury us alive

(the ice rises. Their voices strengthen above the roar.)

NINI

To my family
Not how it was meant to be

ALL

Blood on the water
Blood on our hands

TY

My husband who is waiting
Will never know the truth

ALL

Blood on the water
Blood on our hands

JASMINE

I signed my name
No questions asked

ALL

Blood on the water
Blood on our hands

OLD DECKHAND

(to JORDAN.)

I did what I was told

CREWMEMBERS

Rise ice

CREWMEMBERS *(cont.)*

Rise ice
Build your walls
Seal our fate

Rise ice
Rise ice
For our sins
We pay the price

(a cold, dark blue light enshrouds the CREWMEMBERS, as the mist of cold swirls around them. A low, constant groaning of ice replaces the deafening roar. OLD DECKHAND turns to JORDAN.)

OLD DECKHAND

There would be no morning
After that night
The ice was a sign
A chance to repent
To confess what we had done
But fear held every tongue