feast & famine

Inspired bright, with adventure and movement Horizons span far and broad Unfettered by haze and fog And noise and clutter And everything falls into place.

Try I might align myself as prudent To as many harrowing odds Against better ways and chance And poise and balance With nothing to stand before me

But alas, should the sails fall flat, as they do Or perhaps, away, all your crew have up and left you Straws drawn at dawn Embarked by dusk alone To a terrible thirst at sea

And yet the cellars are dry and so am I oh why To weather the storm inside Abiding time in stride To try the tide to take its course – no guide And drift all along the way

Without that pilot light that from all sight eludes me How curious to feel it gone but never burning So what did I do to deserve the flame And what did I do to lose it? Didn't I care to waste not, want not And never abuse it?

But lying a while here in stow concludes it And proves hitherto it's a soothing illusion That ever I's moving For when I wash up on the shore Why the fuck was I on a boat?