

The Return

© 1972 Albert Melshenker and Steve Cowan

From **The Ship: A Contemporary Folk Music Journey** CD

When you go you can't help seeing that the sky is smiling as it did before
When you go you get the feeling and it's good to know the ship's at sea once more

Set your course for anywhere, and the ship can take you there
It doesn't matter where you go
You have been through sun and rain, you will see the storm again
Nothing will disturb the things you know

In the moment of reflection I can see the man who never really cared
By the choice of new direction the only thing that I can do is leave him there

Set your course for anywhere, and the ship can take you there
It doesn't matter where you go
You have been through sun and rain, you will see the storm again
Nothing will disturb the things you know

Soon I'll be on land and see the people who have been there all the time
How can I do anything but smile at those imprisoned by a rhyme?
Naked you are running through the darkness of your night
Searching for the warmth of candlelight
Can I be the one to say what's right?

The man who lives by day will ask me if I had to travel by the star
A girl who lives by night will ask me if I really had to go so far
I can only tell them that the journey's just begun
Forever I'm a sailor of the sun
Will they ever know the things I've done?

Don't think you're returning empty-handed
The ship is filled with treasures that the lady had to give
It will be secure until you've landed
Then sell your goods to those who want to live
Then sell your goods to those who want to live

When you go you can't help seeing that the sky is smiling as it did before
When you go you get the feeling and it's good to know the ship's at sea once more

Set your course for anywhere, and the ship can take you there
It doesn't matter where you go
You have been through sun and rain, you will see the storm again
Nothing will disturb the things you know