

# Blue is the eye

*This song started as a poem I wrote for an old friend on Arranmore who passed away in late 2020.  
He used to bring me out fishing as a kid, and later when I got into singing we bonded over songs even more.  
When he was younger he knew Róise Rua, a well-known singer from the island.  
He often told me of when he used to visit her, and how she would give him a coal from the fire to light his way home at night.  
In his last few years he would sit and watch boats come and go across the bay all day.  
We'd always be happily aware of his eyes on us when we'd be out on the sea.  
The week he died, his son Jerry took myself and Diarmuid out fishing, and we half-wondered if he was watching still.  
A minke whale breached next to our boat that afternoon.*

Ye Vagabonds (2022)

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**Verse 1**  
♩. = 34  
**Swing**

Chords: Eb Ab Eb Bb Cm7 Ab/Eb Bb/F Eb

Soprano: A crack in the sky\_\_\_ lends a light to the\_ dark. The wind blows the em-ber a coal from the hearth\_\_\_ you

Alto: Ooh\_\_\_\_\_ Ooh\_\_\_\_\_

Tenor Bass: Ooh\_\_\_\_\_ Ooh\_\_\_\_\_

9 Eb Ab Eb Bb Cm7 Ab/Eb Bb Eb

S. car-ry\_\_\_ it proud-ly through dit-ches and trees\_\_\_\_\_ a - cross the ho-ri - zon to\_ lie down and sleep.

A. Ooh\_\_\_\_\_ Ooh\_\_\_\_\_

T. B. Ooh\_\_\_\_\_ Ooh\_\_\_\_\_

**Chorus 1+2**  
18 Cm7 Ab Bb Eb Cm7 Ab Bb Eb

S. A. Lie down and sleep. Sleep well my dar - ling\_\_\_\_\_ Blue is the eye\_\_\_ wat-ches o - ver\_\_\_ the sea.

T. B. Lie down. Sleep well my dar - ling. Blue\_\_\_\_\_ o - ver the sea.

26 Cm7 Ab Bb Eb Cm7 Ab/Eb Bb7 Eb 1.

S. A. Lie down and sleep. Sleep well my dar - ling\_\_\_\_\_ Blue is the eye\_\_\_ that looks af - ter thee\_\_\_\_\_

T. B. Lie down. Sleep well my dar\_\_ ling. Blue\_\_\_\_\_ looks af - ter thee\_\_\_\_\_

## Verse 2

35  $\text{Eb}$   $\text{Ab}$   $\text{Eb}$   $\text{Bb}$   $\text{Cm7}$   $\text{Ab/Eb}$   $\text{Bb/F}$   $\text{Eb}$

S. O - ver the o - cean, to - ward a new world. The ci - ty, the is - land, the tear in the pearl A

A. Ooh Ooh ee A

T. Ooh Ooh ee A

B. Ooh Ooh ee A

43  $\text{Eb}$   $\text{Ab}$   $\text{Eb}$   $\text{Bb}$   $\text{Cm7}$   $\text{Ab/Eb}$   $\text{Bb}$   $\text{Eb}$

S. boat on the wa - ter casts out a clear eye The dark-ness be-neath us is teeming with life. ee A

A. Ooh Ooh ee A

T. Ooh Ooh ee A

B. Ooh Ooh ee A

## Verse 3

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S. flash in the dark glim-mers sil - ver and blue, breach-es the waves for a mo-ment or two;

A. flash in the dark glim-mers sil - ver and blue, breach-es the waves for a mo-ment or two;

T. flash in the dark glim-mers sil - ver and blue, breach-es the waves for a mo-ment or two;

B. flash in the dark glim-mers sil - ver and blue, breach-es the waves for a mo-ment or two;

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S. moves a - way slow - ly back in - to the deep Blue is the eye watch-es o - ver the sea.

A. moves a - way slow - ly back in - to the deep Blue is the eye watch-es o - ver the sea.

T. moves a - way slow - ly back in - to the deep Blue is the eye watch-es o - ver the sea.

B. moves a - way slow - ly back in - to the deep Blue is the eye watch-es o - ver the sea.

## Chorus 3+4

70  $\text{Cm7}$   $\text{Ab}$   $\text{Bb}$   $\text{Eb}$   $\text{Cm7}$   $\text{Ab}$   $\text{Bb}$   $\text{Eb}$   $\text{Cm7}$   $\text{Ab}$

S. Lie down and sleep. Sleepwell my dar - ling Blue is the eye watch-es o - ver the sea. Lie down and sleep.

A. Lie down and sleep. Sleepwell my dar - ling Blue is the eye watch-es o - ver the sea. Lie down and sleep.

T. Lie down and sleep. Sleepwell my dar - ling Blue is the eye watch-es o - ver the sea. Lie down and sleep.

B. Lie down and sleep. Sleepwell my dar - ling Blue is the eye watch-es o - ver the sea. Lie down and sleep.

80  $\text{Bb}$   $\text{Eb}$   $\text{Cm7}$   $\text{Ab/Eb}$   $\text{Bb7}$   $\text{Eb}$   $\text{Ab/Eb}$   $\text{Bb7}$   $\text{Eb}$

S. Sleepwell my dar - ling Blue is the eye that looks af - ter thee - ai that looks af - ter thee

A. Sleepwell my dar - ling Blue is the eye that looks af - ter thee - ai that looks af - ter thee

T. Sleepwell my dar - ling Blue is the eye that looks af - ter thee - uh that looks af - ter thee

B. Sleepwell my dar - ling Blue is the eye that looks af - ter thee - uh that looks af - ter thee

1. 2.