

I Will Return

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“Hope deferred makes the heart sick | But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength” Proverbs | Isaiah

One warm summer day I got a call from my best friend. He was living in Spain for a season, to renew and redirect. The call was a surprise, and the information troubling. I feared for his weariness, isolation, direction in life. We’ve always had a mutual passion for Jesus. So I began writing what my friend might need to hear from his first love and hero.

I brought the song to my producer Nate. He asked, “Have you seen the movie ‘Cold Mountain?’” which I had not yet. “Do so, then let’s finish your song.” The movie is a classic tale of war-torn lovers: the brave hero fighting to get back to his beloved, promising his return and asking for faithfulness.

I serve a God like this, one who goes to great lengths to rescue my heart, and renew my strength.

So to us who wait, and those who seek, hear the passion and promise of your hero...

Across the sea of lonely | and past the midnight sky
I’m thinking ‘bout you only | and wishing I could fly (to you)
A world at war between us | wind and waves and storms
I’m fighting for that moment | when I hold you in my arms
So I call to you across the sea

I will return *Light a watchfire in the night*
I will return *Guard the flame, keep hope alive*

Let the moon renew the promise | let the stars keep hope alive
I will cross the gulf between us | look to the midnight sky
I will fly to you across the sea | I will find a way, I’ll cross this sea

I will return *Fix your eyes on the eastern sky*
I will return *Love will return in the blink of an eye*

So I call to you across the sea | I can hear your heart call back to me
When the midnight tries to steal our dream | I will fly to you across the sea

I will return *Light a watchfire in the night*
Guard the flame, keep hope alive
I will return *Fix your eyes on the eastern sky*
Love will return in the blink of an eye