

Lullaby

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I never meant to shipwreck you,
I didn't even know I was singing out loud.
I just stood on my rock a little too boldly,
and hummed a tune you wanted to hear.

And anyway, you were out seeking!
Eyes searching the shore for a familiar sound.
You set your sights and set your sails;
maybe it was all destined to collide.

When what if became what now -
when the fog lifted and your trajectory became clear -
I saw my talons and feathers forming,
as if my song had finally reached my own ears.

I wanted to offer you wax and rope,
but instead I sang all the louder.
Knowing what's best but starving for more...
I'm so sorry, but it wasn't enough.

