



# King Manuel I

## Lyrics

My kingdom will expand beyond what we can comprehend.

My people will demand beyond what I could ever give.

You know I will never ignore their hopes and all their dreams.

New trade routes to regions beyond what we can imagine.

It's time to set my sails.

The oceans call my name.

I will sail to the east.

They can't keep me away.

It's time to take my place.

This is my destiny.

No longer a son of Portugal, an enemy of his heritage.

They will not speak of him anymore.

He has betrayed them all.

A captain of the waves betrays all he has ever known.

For he has dishonored his family, retribution calls.

He sided against them, the rival and sailed on her behalf.

It's now a new chapter in the history of the world.

He betrayed our king, he's never to return, never to return.

His story will be told, he's never to return, never to return.

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## Meaning

This song is about King Manuel I (King of Portugal, during the time of Ferdinand Magellan). The song is about how King Manuel I banished Ferdinand Magellan from Portugal and removed the family coat of arms. Ferdinand Magellan decided to set sail under the Spanish flag, which caused the rupture with King Manuel I.

There is a feeling of loss, cynicism and separation (separation from one's country). There is also the sense of ambition and freedom; the opportunity to explore new lands.

The song starts and finishes with soft/slow acoustic chords. This was done to provide contrast relative to the "heavier" power chords in the middle of the track.

There is a section of the song (somewhere in the middle) that contains a galloping rhythm section/galloping power chords. This reflects the ambition of Ferdinand Magellan. The rhythm section is made up of bass/drums/rhythm guitar.

The repeated four-part chorus (last stanza of lyrics; the last four lines) at the end was designed to be quite "haunting" both in the vocal tone and in terms of the melody generated by the lead guitar.

The lyrics are somewhat dark and cynical.

There is betrayal, anger, and revenge associated with the psychology of King Manuel I. Ferdinand Magellan has to deal with the "Faustian Bargain" he made with the Spanish. The Spanish gave him the financial resources to explore, but at the same time, Ferdinand Magellan was forced to sever his ties with the country of his birth.

