



# Sabrosa

## Lyrics

Seasons pass and the map of the world has changed.

In the green countryside of the north was born a son from a noble clan.

He will choose a life at sea rather than the ordinary province of soil.

New technology, bringing new discoveries of places once unknown, of places yet to be shown.

The son of a noble clan, chose a life less ordinary, a life at sea.

A life that's changing, like the map of the world, always expanding.

Images of an earlier time, resources obtained and resources lost.

A foundation for a new beginning, there is stability, a slow pace for a weary gypsy.

He will fight in foreign places, and the ocean will be his home.

When his resources run low, he will find stability back on solid ground.

## Meaning

A song about Ferdinand Magellan's birthplace, Sabrosa, Portugal. The song represents change and the passage of time along with the ephemeral character of the physical world. Change is constant. It is filled with sadness and hope/optimism (even though they are somewhat contradictory). The slow/melodic acoustic flavor of the music matches the melancholy vibe of the lyrics/vocals.

The tempo and melody indirectly refer to change. The melancholy aspect relates to the passage of time. I believe, there is also a key change in the song, pertaining to the acoustic guitar. This creates a subtle change in tone (slightly upbeat/optimistic) for the listener.

The long acoustic oriented bridge in the middle of the song suggests that one is both "looking back and looking forward." There is sadness and yet hope for the future. There is also a hint of "irony."