

Shore Leave



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Taking a Long Walk.

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This work is dedicated to all those who walk the
land and see beyond their feet.

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A note from the Author

This work deviates from what has come to be considered my normal style. In this work I have taken shore leave. Although I have left the nautical terms and Crew behind, you will find the entries insightful and philosophical as well as motivational. You may even find this work far more personal. In some places it is written in the first person rather than in Imperial Dread Sea Scrolls style of second or third person.

This is not to suggest that all the pieces of this work are set in first person reality. You may find a few entries, placed throughout this short work, that exist for no other reason than to provide a distraction to the day events. They may be fantasy, a daydream transcribed, or a scrap of nautical poetry.

Just like when you take a vacation with no set schedule or itinerary, thus describes the ebb and flow of Shore Leave. This ebook is a short, free flowing holiday, where every day is a new adventure, and behind every tree there is a new insight. As always, thank you for your patronage.

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I hope you enjoy this unique and special sample ebook. The poem it contains is just a glimpse of what the complete ebook contains.

Sail on... sail on!!!

Riptide

One moment I am on my feet and the next...
It's as though a mermaid or Neptune himself has pulled me from my feet.

I am rolling with the surf,
I struggle against the waves ,
Sand in my eyes,
Salt water burns my nose.

Just a moment before I was wading out to the jetty...
Now I struggle in Poseidon's alien world.

Legs and arms in all directions,
My fists fill with sand,
I scramble,
I push up and away.

It's as though time has stopped and the only thing I need now is air.
I think of how dolphins break the surface and kick with all my might.

lungs burn,
dizzy,
around me is a swirling mass of sand and water,
hands and feet find the bottom again.

After infinity,
I stand.
assaulted with air
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slow steps forward with heavy legs,
tide ankle deep,
glance around,
gulping air.

One never knows what waits just beneath the surface.
It might be the calm cooling waters we hope for,

or

Riptide

The End

About the Author



The Dread Pirate is a seafaring fellow that sails the oceans of life. Needing to motivate himself and the Crew, he began to scribe motivational musings years ago. Upon realizing that his nautical writing style and motivating nature afforded shipmates insight to their own lives, he chose to share a little of his experiences, philosophies, and revelations via his motivational Web log, [The Imperial Dread Sea Scrolls](#).

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Visit [Dread Pirate's Secret Cyber Island](#) on the Web for the latest information on the author and his works.

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