

Mark Knopfler, Beachcombing

(feat. Emmylou Harris)

They say there's wreckage washing up
all along the coast
no-one seems to know too much
or who got hit the most
nothing has been spoken
there's not a lot to see
but something has been broken
that's how it feels to me

we had a harmony
i never meant to spoil
now it's lying in the water
like a slick of oil
the tide is running out to sea
under a darkening sky
the night is falling down on me
and i'm thinking that i should

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little wild kitten out hunting
to see what he can get
you're in a big city now
that won't stop growing yet
the sun is going down smoking
a flaming testament
something has been broken
and it feels permanent

little seabird flying
he knows where he wants to go
guess i ought to pack my stuff
and do the thing i know
i turn around and head on back
along the old sea wall
i felt something give and crack
and now i'm sorry that's all

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