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Whales sing because they have a song

How are you? [Long shot, vast sea.] Long time, no see. [I missed you.] Stormy where you are? Very blue. Lovely weather. [Bad weather. Very blue.] So, how are you? Small fish, big pond. But staying afloat? I move a little, and the ripples run. Spill? All the little fishes swim in packs, and I'm thinking, the fuck will they do if they catch the what, water? Why would aquarium be a freshers' event? You're not annoyed at the fish. Anyways, how was your today? I woke up at 5. [P.M.] Shit. How long since you've seen the sun? I still feel its warmth. [You'd brighten my day more.] / [Too long.] / [Winter has a jealous moon.] How's the course? Coursing. [And tossing and turning and tumbling me into the weeds.] Make sure to come up for air. Course. Good one. I use humour—I'm used to humour. Yeah. Drink water? Can't drink anything without it. You know what I mean.

Course.

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You always alone?

Not in fair weather.

[My heart is a convertible with the roof always down.]

I have to go. Drive safe.

I will, don't worry.
[I'll try, don't worry.]

Give me a ring.

You got it.

[Once your voice has stopped ringing.] / [If only it would keep you here].

Thanks for today. It was nice seeing each other, wasn't it?

Like a breath of old air. Hear from you soon?

Course.

[I missed you]