

Excerpt from "Beyond the Sea"
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TICK

Lord Hawke. Now, there's an ath-o-lete!

CEDDIE

Tinkers to Evers to Chance...three times the "ath-o-letes!"

TICK

(spotting Tom)

Chase me, Charlie; who painted the peacock? Madame, may I have this dance?

(Tick expects this to cause a fight, but Tom's too steeped in sorrow.
 Tick's surprised.)

Yoo-hoo Cindy-rella, where's your glass slipper?

(Tom offers no resistance. Tick's about to unload a big gun. Ceddie
 stops him.)

CEDDIE

You okay?

TOM

(miserable)

Just great.

CEDDIE

I'm glad to see you, 'cause I'm sailing so soon.

TOM

Quel fromage.

CEDDIE

"Fromage?"

TOM

French. Min says.

(deflating)

French!!!!

CEDDIE

If you...tell us what's wrong, maybe we can help.

TOM

Help!? Hello. I'm taking all this. From you! Plus: I ain't said a civil word to you!

(to Tick)

What's going on with this sick little bloke?

TICK

To Ceddie, Jack the Ripper was just a bit misguided. C'mon, mate; he don't want your help.

CEDDIE

Do you?

TOM

No.

(Obvious to Ceddie, he does.)

CEDDIE

It's this book, right?

(Tom grimly and defeatedly nods "yes.")

TOM

I'll never get it.

CEDDIE

Sure you will; won't he, Tick?

(Tick shrugs.)

TOM

Like with the nobles. I can't ever keep 'em straight. Duke above an Earl above a-

CEDDIE

No-no-no.

TOM

See! I'll never get -

CEDDIE

I can help with -

TOM

I give up!

CEDDIE

No!

(Ceddie elbows Tick.)

TICK

No, no.

TOM

And this is the easy stuff! If I have to...to eat snails...I'd probably hold 'em between my toes.

Which, I think, they do in France. TICK

I give up! TOM

No. You know how you remember which noble is higher? CEDDIE
 (Tom's face says "obviously not.")

"Do men ever visit Boston?"

I'm guessing "no." TICK

No! That's how to remember peerage! "Do..." CEDRIC

Duke! TOM

"Men..." CEDDIE

Marquees! TOM
 (PRON: MAR-kwiss)

"Ever..." CEDDIE

Earl! TOM

"Visit..." CEDDIE

Viscount! TOM

"Boston..." CEDDIE

Baron! Do men ever visit Boston!? Duke-marquees-earl-viscount-baron!! TOM

See!? CEDDIE

Yeah. TOM

(His joy's overcome by fear.)

But...that book's thick.

And so are you? TICK

CEDDIE
No! You can do anything you put your mind to! I'm sailing...but you? You're staying!
You're going to be the Earl of Dorincourt! And Grandfather...will depend upon you.
You can do it! Especially when things look tough. Look...

SONG: NEVER GIVE IN

**THROW AWAY YOUR DOUBT AND YOU'LL DELIVER.
FACE YOUR FEAR AND POP 'IM ON THE CHIN.
BELIEVE ME, YOU GOT THE GUTS AND IT SHOWS.**

TICK
HEY, TAKE LOOK AT THOSE CLOTHES.

TICK AND CEDDIE
NEVER GIVE UP. NEVER GIVE OUT. NEVER GIVE IN.

TICK
**NEVER MIND IF YOU EXPECT YOU'RE FINISHED...
'CAUSE YOU'LL FIND THAT'S JUST WHEN YOU BEGIN.**

**I TELL YOU, THAT'S WHEN YOU'RE HITTIN' YOUR STRIDE.
THAT'S WHEN YOU'RE DIGGIN' INSIDE.**

TICK AND CEDDIE
NEVER GIVE UP. NEVER GIVE OUT. NEVER GIVE IN.

CEDDIE
JUST THINK OF DAVID AND GOLIATH.

TICK
INCREDIBLE!

CEDDIE
WHO GAVE OUR DAVE A CHANCE?

TICK
**BUT ARMED WITH A SLING-SHOT AND STONES
HE CRACKED THAT GIANT'S BONES;**

CEDDIE
AND KICKED THAT BIG OLD MEANY,

TICK
THAT PHILISTINE-Y

BOTH
IN HIS MEANY PHILISTINE-Y OLD PANTS.

CEDDIE
ALL IT TAKES IS ONE SMALL PINCH OF COURAGE.

TICK
ALL IT TAKES IS ONE SMALL PINCH OF COURAGE.

CEDDIE
MIX IT WITH A BIT OF GRIT

BOTH
AND GRIN.

CEDDIE
HOW DAVID WHIPPED OUT A STONE FROM HIS SLING!

TICK
OOO, YOU KNOW THAT'S GOTTA STING.

TOM
NEVER GIVE UP. NEVER GIVE OUT.

ADD CEDDIE AND TICK
NEVER GIVE IN.

TOM
 Hey, blokes; it feels...good...saying that.

CEDDIE
 You gotta do more than say it.

TICK
 You gotta do it!

CEDDIE
 Yeah!

TICK
 You gotta live it!

CEDDIE
 Yeah!

TOM
 Yeah!

CEDDIE AND TICK
 Yeah!

TOM
**GOTTA FACE MY FEAR AND NEVER QUIVER.
 GOTTA KICK THE STUFFIN' OUTA DOUBT.
 I TELL YOU, GOTTA GIVE WORRY THE BOOT...**

TICK
GOTTA GET RIDDA THAT SUIT.

ALL
NEVER GIVE IN. NEVER GIVE UP. NEVER GIVE OUT.

TOM
JUST THINK OF DANIEL AND THE LION.

CEDDIE AND TICK
REMARKABLE!

TOM
**WHAT MAN GAVE DAN A PRAYER?
 INVITED FOR SUPPER AT TEN
 IN SOME OLD SCARY DEN;
 HE HAD THAT LION CRYIN',
 WITHOUT HALF TRYIN'.
 HE'S A WINNER; NOT DINNER. SO THERE!**

CEDDIE AND TICK
WHEN YOU THINK THE GAME IS NEARLY ENDING:

TOM
WHEN YOU THINK THE GAME IS NEARLY...

CEDDIE
ONE AT-BAT;

TICK
YOU WALE AWAY;

TOM
YOU WIN!

ALL
**BELIEVE ME, LIFE IS THE VERY BEST THING...
 IF YOU CAN TAKE YOUR BEST SWING.**

CEDDIE
NEVER GIVE UP.

TICK
NEVER GIVE OUT.

TOM
NEVER GIVE IN.

TICK

YOU'LL BE LIKE DANIEL, NO LION'LL CHEW YOUR BONES.

TOM

YOU'LL BE LIKE DAVID AS LONG AS YOU GOT THE STONES.

ALL

NEVER GIVE, NEVER GIVE, NEVER GIVE, NEVER GIVE IN.

(BLACKOUT on them.)