Walt Grace's Submarine Test, January 1967

John Mayer

Walt Grace

Desperately aiding his whole place

Dreamed to discover a new place

And buried himself aliveInside his basement

Tongue on the side of his face meant

He's working away on his placement

And what it would take to surviveCause when you're done with this worldYou know the next is up to youAnd his wife told his kids he was crazyAnd his friends said he'd fail if he'd tryBut with the will to work hardAnd a library cardHe took a homemade, fan-blade

One-man submarine rideThat morning

The sea was mad and I mean it

Waves as big as he'd seen it

Deep in his dreams at homeFrom dry land

He rolled it over to wet sand

Closed the hatch up with one hand

And peddled off aloneCause when you're done with this worldYou know the next is up to youAnd for once in his life it was quietAs he learned how to turn in the tideAnd the sky was a-flareWhen he came up for airIn his homemade, fan-bladeOne-man submarine ride

One evening

When weeks had passed since he's leavin'

The call she planned on receivin'

Finally made it homeShe accepted

The news she never expected

The operator connected

The call from TokyoCause when you're done with this worldYou know the next is up to youNow his friends bring him up when they're drinkin'At the bar with his name on the sideAnd

they smile when they can

As they speak of the man

Who took a homemade, fan-blade

One-man submarine ride

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