Voyage Infinite

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The sea has been lapping the cables of my anchor with its saline tongue for years trying to devour it to its core but it lives on undeterred and resolute surviving the vagaries of weather though with a thin layer of rust which like scars left behind by the wounds that eventually heal remind one of strength and ability to stay on and carry on and holds onto the shanks as solidly as ever.

As I weigh my anchors

the cables wound up on the windlass

and give my conning orders

slow ahead both engines

I am ready once again

to set sails to continue on my
endless voyages ad infinitum

Pegasus and Cygnus for company at night
the gulls and albatrosses during day
the heavens revolving past

my steadfast mast

as I go round and round

with the rhythm of the rolls

pitches and yaws
on the spinning carousel that is Earth

chasing horizon after horizon.

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