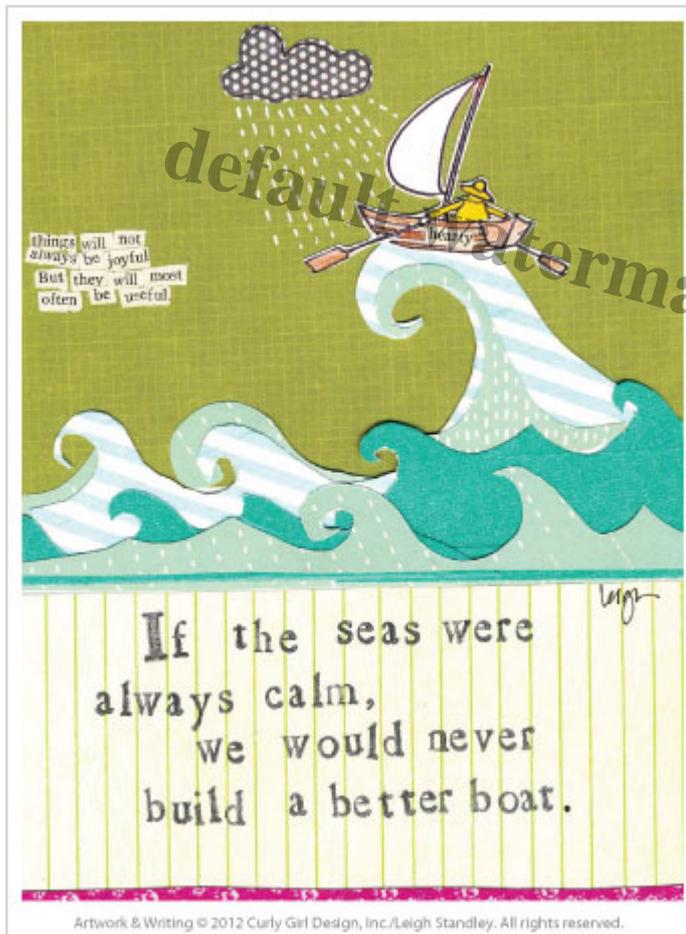


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## Designs

I love this quote and card from Leigh Standley of [Curly Girl Designs](#). She designed this card for artist Kelly Rae Roberts. I wrote about Kelly Rae in a past post [here](#). You can read the story behind the

inspiration for the card on [Kelly Rae's blog](#). The full quote says, **“Things will not always be joyful, but they will most often be useful. If the seas were always calm, we would never build a better boat.”**

It is in my times of restlessness that I often come up with new ideas or ways of looking at things. I'm not always joyful (just ask my family). I take note of my feelings, but I'm aware that they are just that, feelings and not always reality. They are stories I tell myself. When the stories start to wear me down I know it's time for a change. If everything was always easy, I would never grow and learn. Sometimes that still doesn't stop me from wanting things to be easy though.

This card also makes me think of actor Roy Scheider's line in the movie *Jaws*, “You're going to need a bigger boat.” Sometimes I need a broader perspective and mindset to keep fear and self doubt away so I can set sail. I know the seas won't always be calm, but I pray I never experience a tsunami.

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