I cover the waterfront, watchin' the ship go by I could see, everybody's baby, but I couldn't see mine I could see, the ships pullin' in, to the harbor I could see the people, meetin' their loved one Shakin' hand, I sat there, so all alone, coverin' the waterfront And after a while, all the people, left the harbor, and headed for their destination All the ships, left the harbor, and headed for their next destination I sat there, coverin' the waterfront And after a while, I looked down the ocean, as far as I could see, in the fog, I saw a ship It headed, this way, comin' out the foam It must be my baby, comin' down And after a while, the ship pulled into the harbor, rollin' slow, so cripple And my baby, stepped off board I was still, coverin' the waterfront Said "Johnny, our ship had trouble, with the fog And that's why we're so late, so late Comin' home, comin' down'