

When the Ship Comes In

Peter, Paul and Mary

1. Oh the time will come up when the wind will stop
and the breeze will cease to be a-breathin'
like the stillness in the wind before the hurricane begins
the hour that the ship comes in
and the sea will split and the ships will hit
and the sands on the shoreline will be shaking
and the tide will sound and the waves will pound
and the morning will be a-breaking.
2. Oh the fishes will laugh as they swim out of the path
and the seagulls will be a-smilin'
and the rocks on the sand will proudly stand
the hour that the ship comes in
and the words that are used for to get the ship confused
will not be understood as they're spoken
oh the chains of the sea will have busted in the night
and be buried on the bottom of the ocean.
3. A song will lift as the main sail shifts
and the boat drifts unto the shoreline
and the sun will respect every face on the deck
the hour that the ship comes in
and the sands will roll out a carpet of gold
for your wearied toes to be a-touchin'
and the ship's wise men will remind you once again
that the whole wide world is watchin'.
4. Oh the foes will rise with the sleep still in their eyes
and they'll jerk from their beds and think they're dreamin'
but they'll pinch themselves and squeal
and they'll know that it's for real the hour that the ship comes in
and they'll raise their hands sayin' we'll meet all your demands
but we'll shout from the bow your days are numbered
and like Pharoah's tribe they'll be drowned in the tide
and like Goliath they'll be conquered.