

## Nightship

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The ship slips out from the grasp of the harbour  
Out of its hold into the restless water  
Silently, steadily, edging away  
Silently, steadily, pulling away  
I feel my heart swell, surge inside me  
Rising and falling, waves that take me  
Silently, steadily, onwards away  
Slow-motion words, night glimmering blackness  
Deep as the stars in the far-off darkness -  
Lights caught in time, far far away  
Bound to the earth, burnt through with fire  
Loose on the water, moving through air  
All traces pass sooner or later  
Behind and beyond, far far away