There's a dim light off the pier
And I've been watching it for years
'through the crashing waves there's a distant bell
It won't stop ringing in my head
All I do is stare and wait
For her to come and take me far away

When my ship comes in I'll be happenin' After all these years I'll be happy When my ship comes in

You'll finally love me Then I can leave you when my ship comes in There's a bitter old man on the shore An albatross tied 'round his throat And he tells me to forget that boat He rambles on I just get bored I hear the laughter of the crew They know the ropes they'll see me through To truth and brighter days When my ship comes in I won't be lonely I'll have lots of friends and they'll all want me When my ship comes in you might be sorry And I'll be something when my ship comes in When my ship comes in I'll be standing at the rail Waving you goodbye You'll never be standing on the beach You'll be wondering why

When my ship comes in I might take you You could swab the decks if you're nice today When my ship comes in we'll be something Won't that be something when my ship comes in

When my ship comes in I'll be happenin'
After all these years I'll be happy
When my ship comes in you'll finally love me
Then I can have you when my ship comes in
Ship comes in