

# A Passing Ship

## Gordon Lightfoot

A passing ship  
I have found the open ocean  
    Give me no lip  
The waves roll by as I pass on  
    A sunlit sea  
    On the first day of April  
    How fresh the wind  
Will you miss me when I'm gone?  
    How many words  
How many songs still unwritten?  
    How many ships  
Of the line have come and gone?  
    In the good old days  
May they never be forgotten  
    They had heavy wind  
    Or they had no wind at all  
    A passing ship  
It is midnight on the ocean  
    Had a real long trip  
I have been at sea all winter  
    When my ship came in

I was givin' up the ghost  
    I think I should be  
Leavin' those passing ships alone  
    When the sea runs high  
The sea runs wild and I'm unsteady  
    And I think of you  
In the warmth of your home and family  
    When love is true  
There is no truer occupation  
    And may this gale  
Blow us to the ones we love  
Another day, another ocean  
    Give me no lip  
But stand aside as I pass on  
    A sunlit sea  
    On the last day in October  
    How fresh the wind

Will you miss me from now on?

I guess I should be  
Leavin' passing ships alone

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