

In the Morning

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He'd light the lamp and write some lines each night before he slept
Sometimes he'd mount the pilot house or sit upon the deck
He told her how he loved the lakes and soon would travel home
The wake a thread trailed out behind
As he'd sit there alone
He'd dropped the letters off ashore somewhere around the sioux
One note a day for forty straight he mailed each letter through
We'll one last run take on this trip before we start down bound
The Louth will be our last north port
And then we'll turn around
I'll write you in the morning when the winds no longer blow
But just these lines I'll put down now so you will always know
That high above the wind and rain
And high above the storm
My love for you will still remain
And I'll write you in the morn
That night the winds rose to a roar
The midnight watch he stood
He sketched what words his pen could write
But writing was no good
The waves would pitch him to the rail
The ship was badly torn
He wrote these lines when he left watch
He finished in the morn
I'll write you in the morning when the winds no longer blow
But just these lines I'll put down now
So you will always know
That high above the wind and rain and high above the storm
My love for you will still remain
And I'll write you in the morn
She waited at the Woodward pier his ship did not come home
With forty letters in her hand she left the pier alone
And watched along the great lake shore a bottle found its way
It held the final words he wrote
Before he died that day
I'll write you in the morning when the winds no longer blow
But just these lines I'll put down now so you will always know
That high above the wind and rain and high above the storm
My love for you will still remain and I'll write you in the morn.

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