When the Ship Comes In

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Oh the time will come up when the wind will stop

And the breeze will cease to be breathin'
Like the stillness in the wind 'fore the hurricane begins
The hour that the ship comes inOh the seas will split and the ship will hit
And the sand on the shoreline will be shakin'
And the tide will sound and the waves will pound
And the mornin' will be breakin'Oh the fishes will laugh as they swim out of the path
And the seagulls, they'll be smilin'
And the rocks on the sand will proudly stand
The hour that the ship comes inAnd the words that are used for to get the ship confused
Will not be understood as they're spoken
For the chains of the sea will have busted in the night
And be buried on the bottom of the oceanOh a song will lift as the mainsail shifts
And the boat drifts onto the shoreline
And the sun will respect every face on the deck
The hour that the ship comes inAnd the sands will roll out a carpet of gold

For your weary toes to be a touchin'

And the ship's wise men will remind you once again

That the whole wide world is watchin'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 inAnd 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 Pharaoh's tribe they'll be drownded in the tide And like Goliath they'll be conquered

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