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When the Ship Comes In
Words and music Bob Dylan
Album: The Times They Are A-changin' (1964)
Oh the time will come up
        C/e
When the winds will stop
                  C
       Εm
And the breeze will cease to be breathin'.
                       Bm'
Like the stillness in the wind
          C
Before the hurricane begins,
The hour that the ship comes in.
And the sea will split
       Am7
And the ship will hit
       Bm'
                  Am7
And the sands on the shoreline will be shaking.
                 Bm'
        G
Then the tide will sound
       Am7
And the waves will pound
       G /b /c D/c/b-a G
And the morning will be a-brea - king.
                        /c /b-a G
       /b /c D
 G
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 morning will be a-break - - - 'ing
The fishes will laugh
As they swim out of the path And the seagulls they'll be smiling.
And the rocks on the sand
Will proudly stand,
The hour that the ship comes in.
And 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
                               D /c /b-a G
                  C
                        /b
         /b
And be buried at the bottom of the o
A song will lift
As the mainsail shifts
And the boat drifts on to the shoreline.
And the sun will respect
The every face on the deck,
The hour that the ship comes in. Then the sands will roll
Out a carpet of gold
        Em
For your weary toes to be a-touchin'.
And the ship's wise men
Will remind you once again
                        /b D /c /b-a G
              /b C
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That the whole wide world is wa - tchin'.

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 in.
Then 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.