

# When the Ship Comes In

Peter, Paul and Mary

- G** **C** **G**  
1. Oh the time will come up when the wind will stop  
**Emi** **C** **G**  
and the breeze will cease to be a-breathin'  
**C** **G**  
like the stillness in the wind before the hurricane begins  
**C** **G**  
the hour that the ship comes in  
**Hmi** **C** **G**  
and the sea will split and the ships will hit  
**Hmi** **C** **G**  
and the sands on the shoreline will be shaking  
**Hmi** **C** **G**  
and the tide will sound and the waves will pound  
**C** **C/H** **D/A** **G**  
and the morning will be a-breaking.
2. Oh the fishes will laugh as they swim out of the path  
and the seagulls will be a-smilin'  
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  
oh the chains of the sea will have busted in the night  
and be buried on the bottom of the ocean.
3. A song will lift as the main sail shifts  
and the boat drifts unto the shoreline  
and the sun will respect every face on the deck  
the hour that the ship comes in  
and the sands will roll out a carpet of gold  
for your wearied toes to be a-touchin'  
and the ship's wise men will remind you once again  
that the whole wide world is watchin'.
4. 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  
and 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 Pharoah's tribe they'll be drowned in the tide  
and like Goliath they'll be conquered.