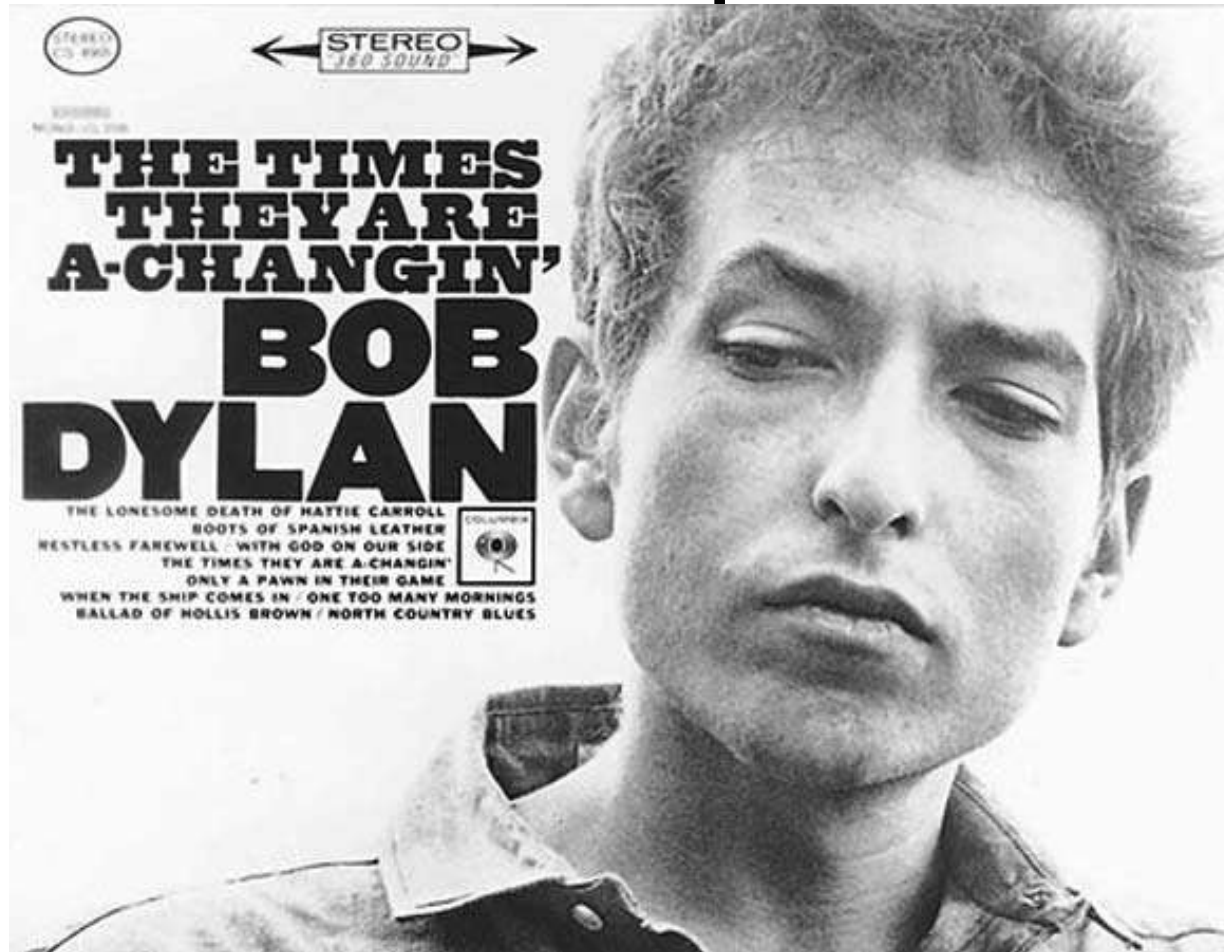


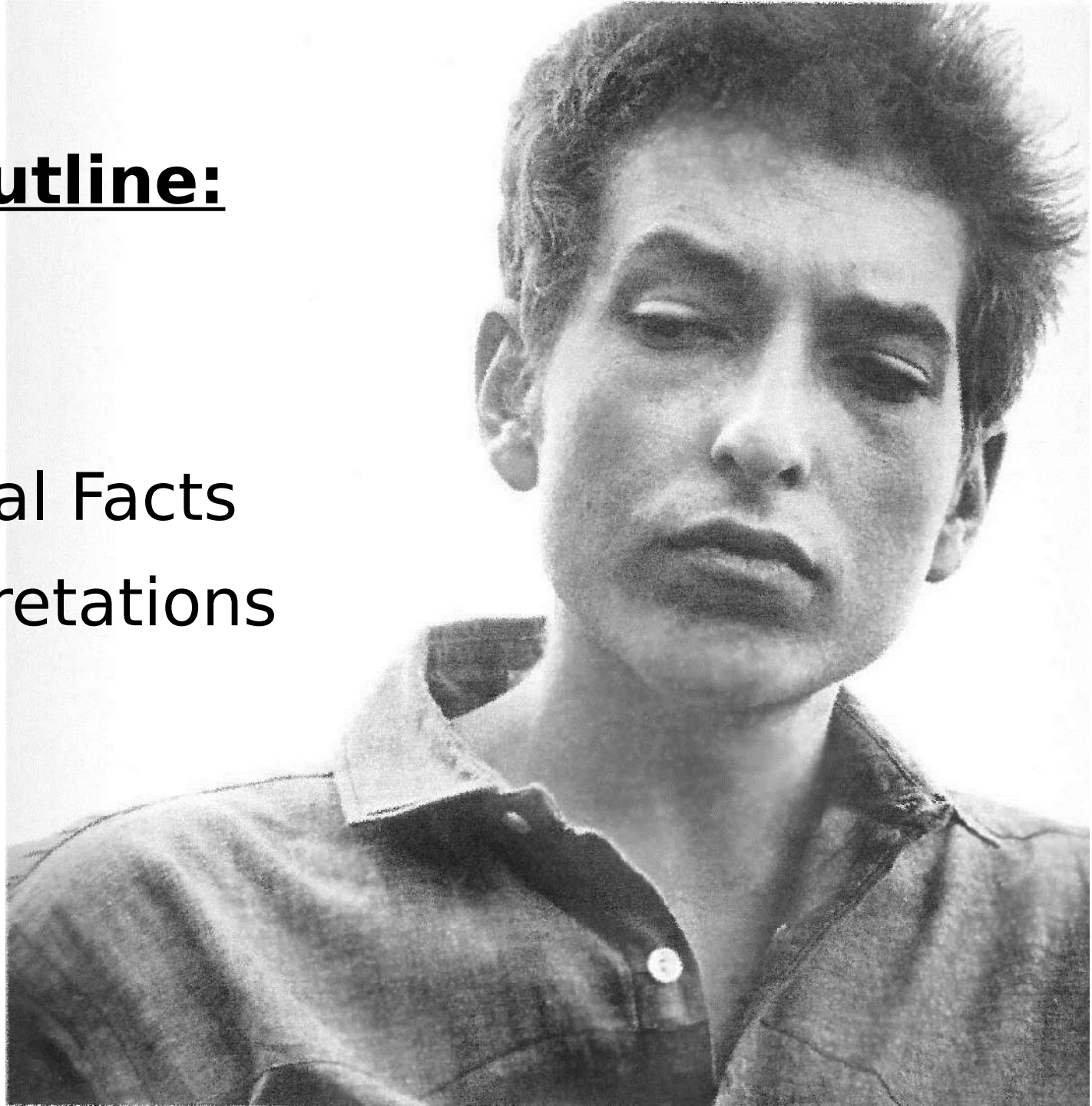
Bob Dylan

When The Ship Comes In



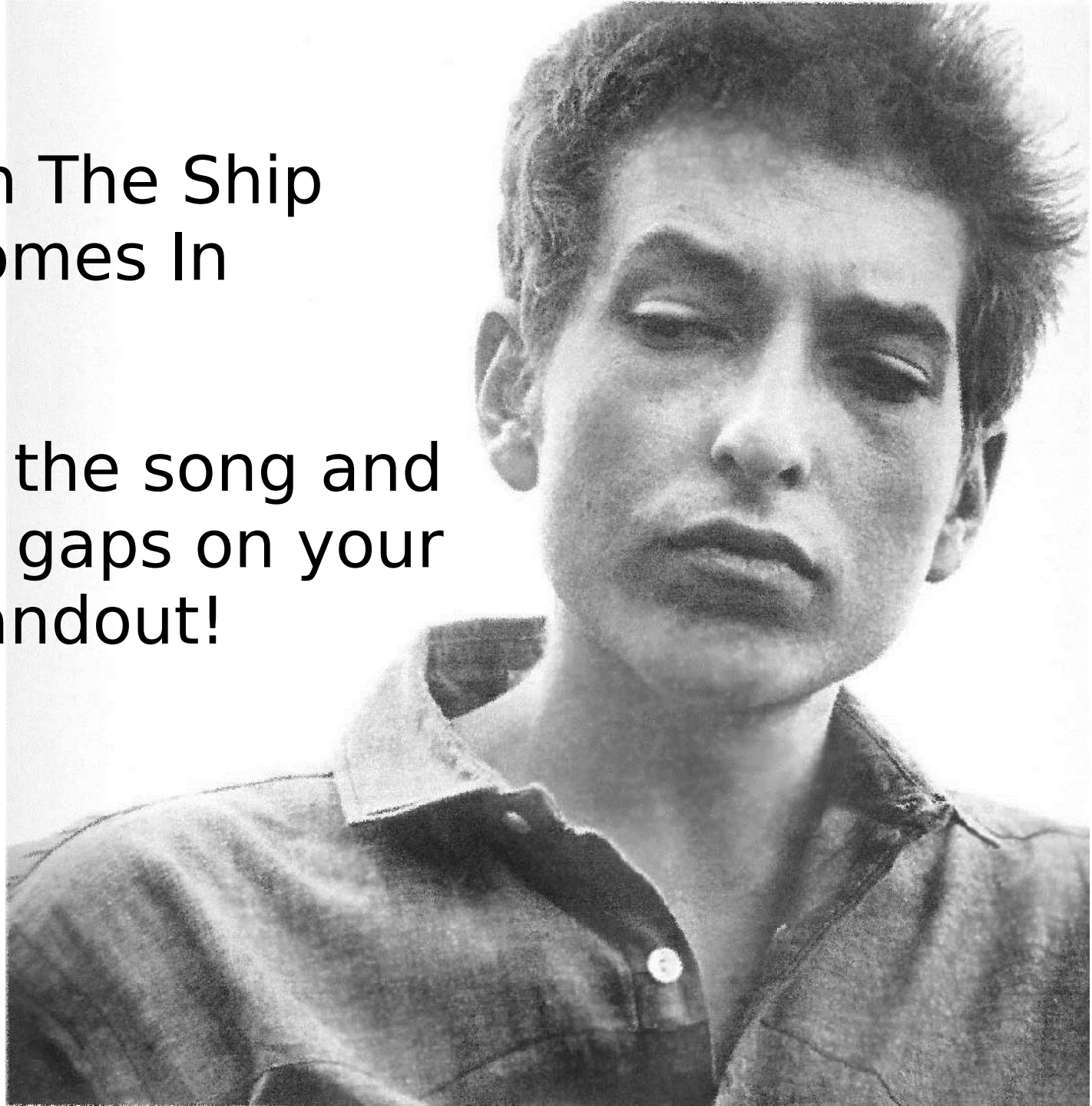
Outline:

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When The Ship Comes In

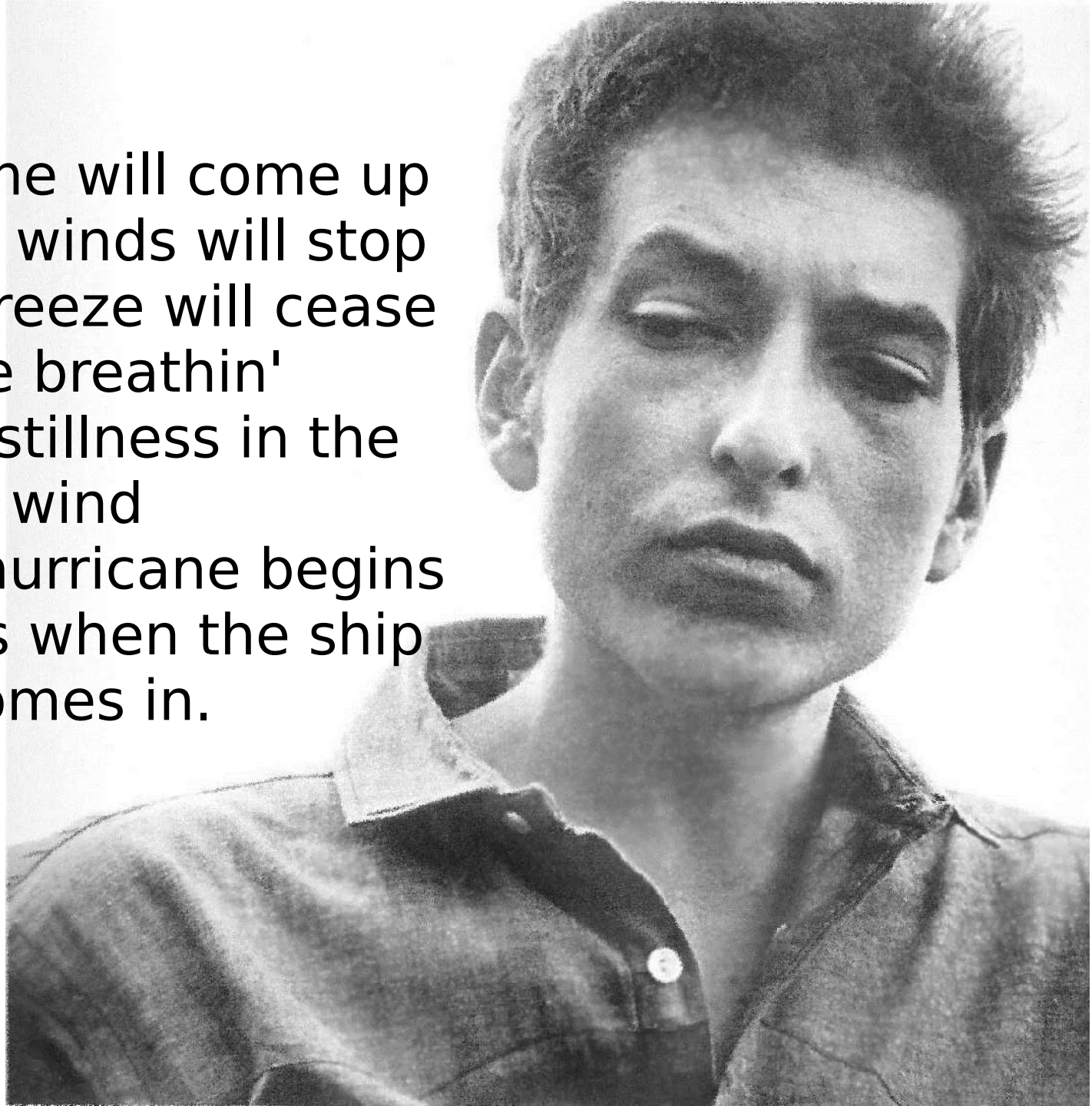
Listen to the song and
fill in the gaps on your
handout!



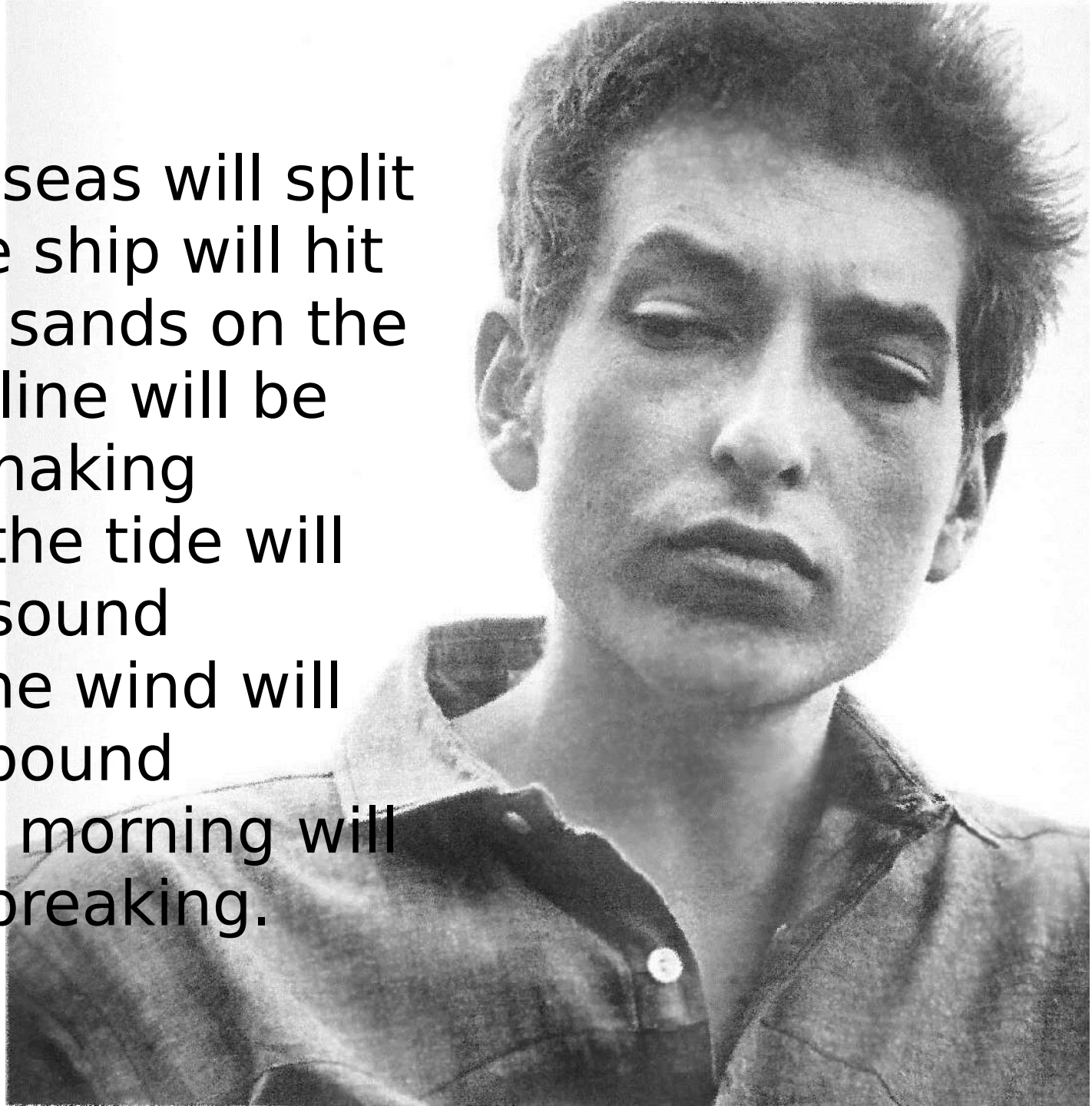
Oh the time will come up
When the winds will stop
And the breeze will cease
to be breathin'

Like the stillness in the
wind

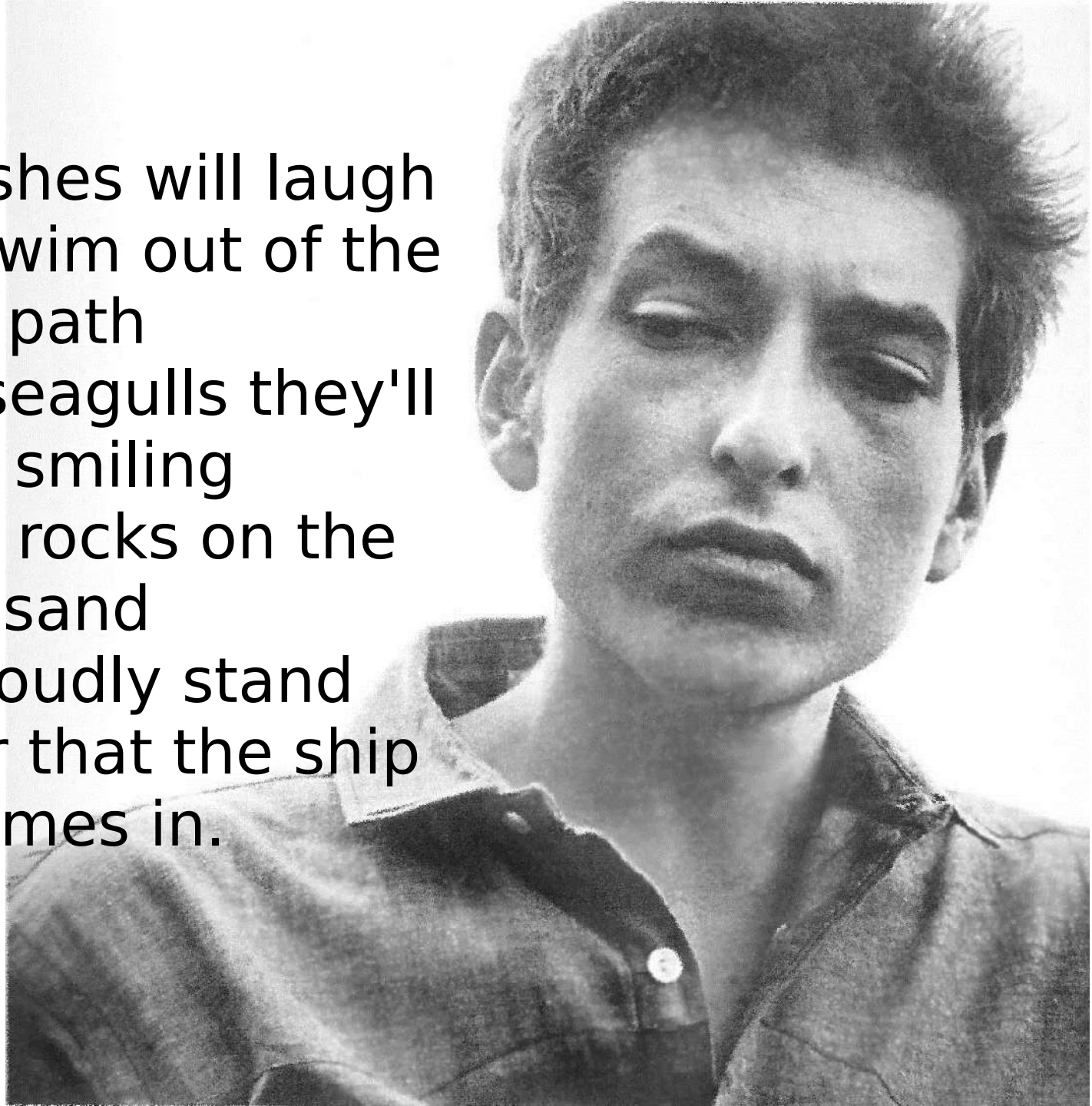
'Fore the hurricane begins
The hours when the ship
comes in.



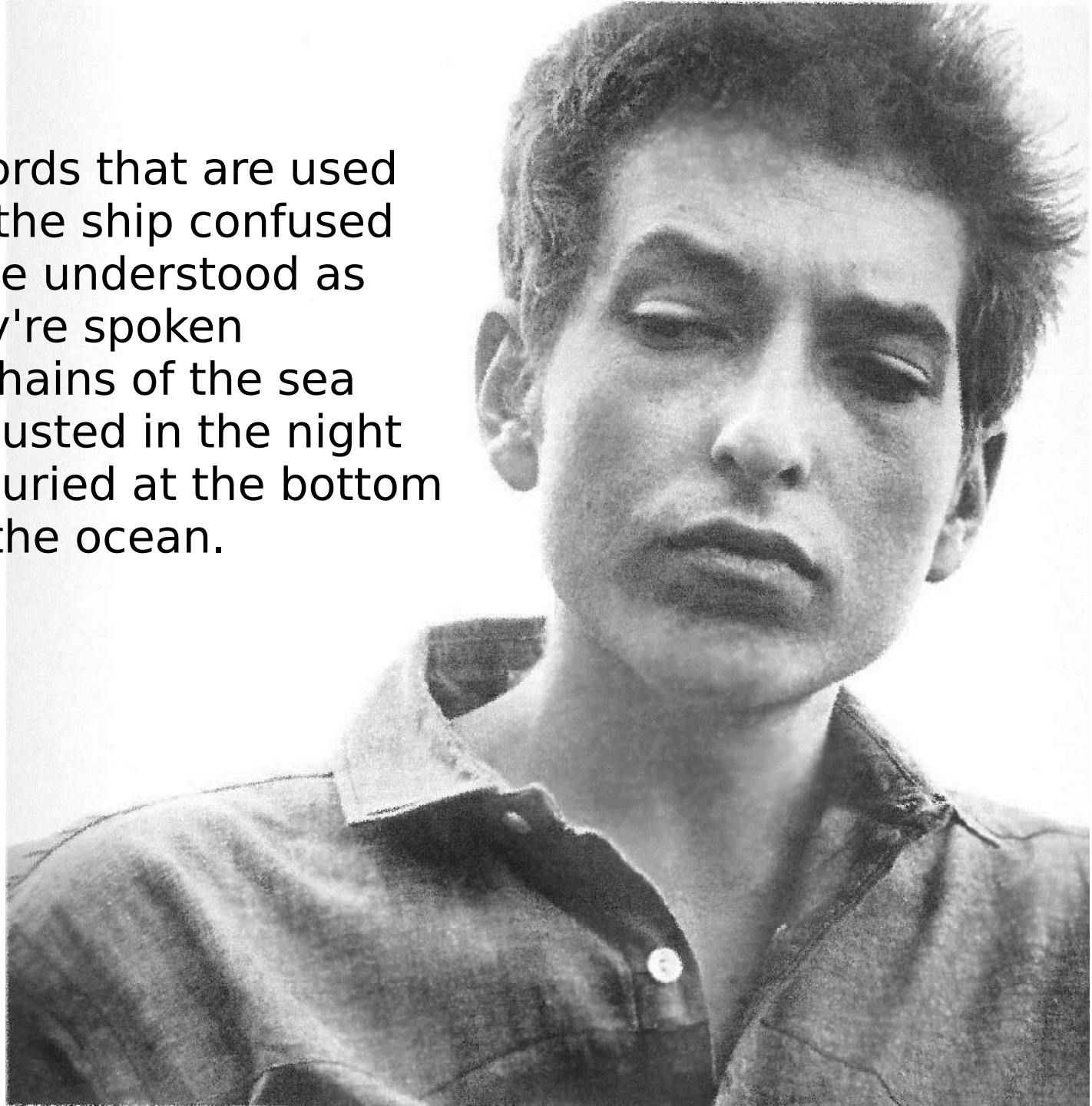
And the seas will split
And the ship will hit
And the sands on the
shoreline will be
shaking
Then the tide will
sound
And the wind will
pound
And the morning will
be breaking.



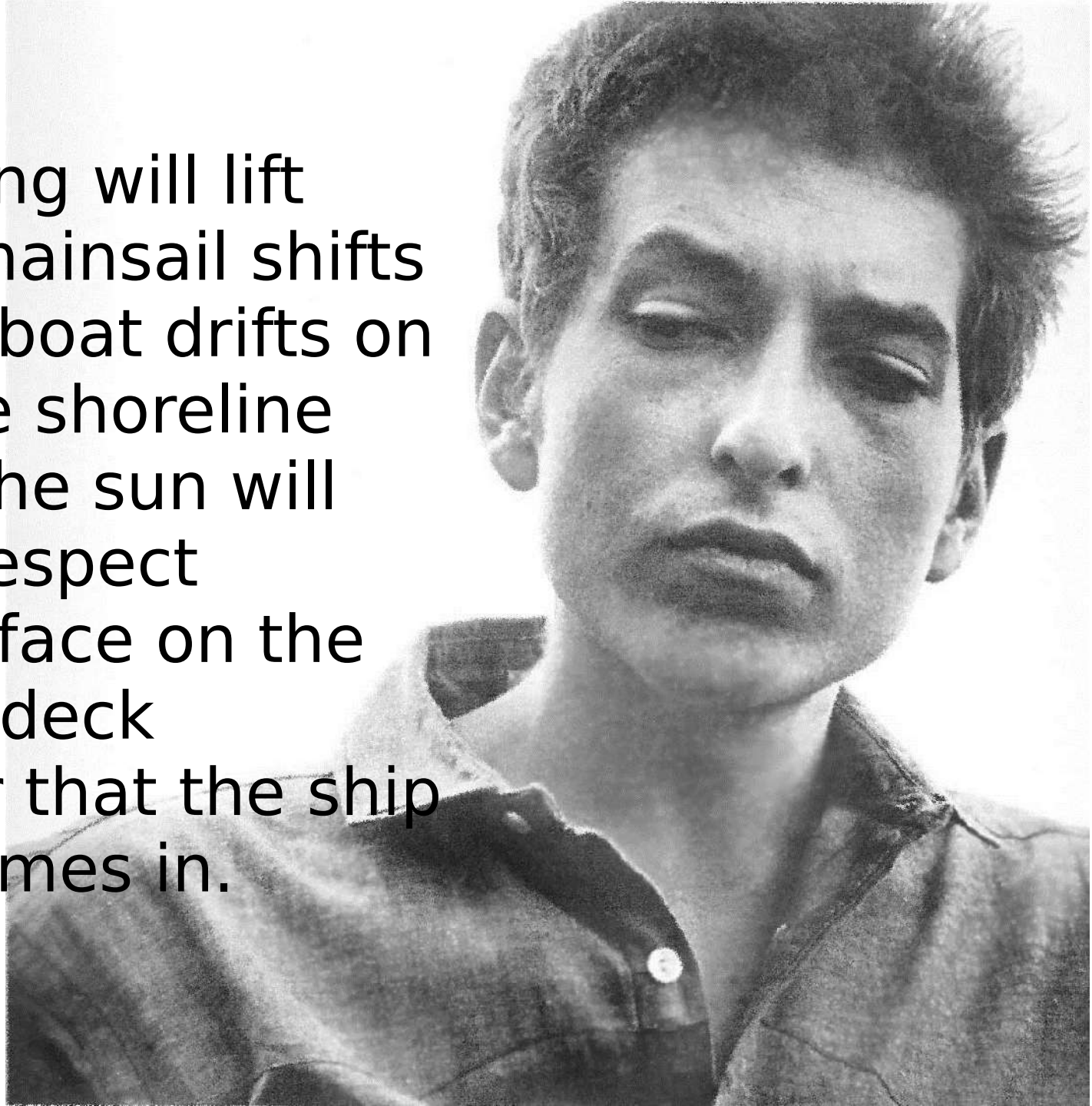
Oh the fishes will laugh
As they swim out of the
path
And the seagulls they'll
be smiling
And the rocks on the
sand
Will proudly stand
The hour that the ship
comes in.



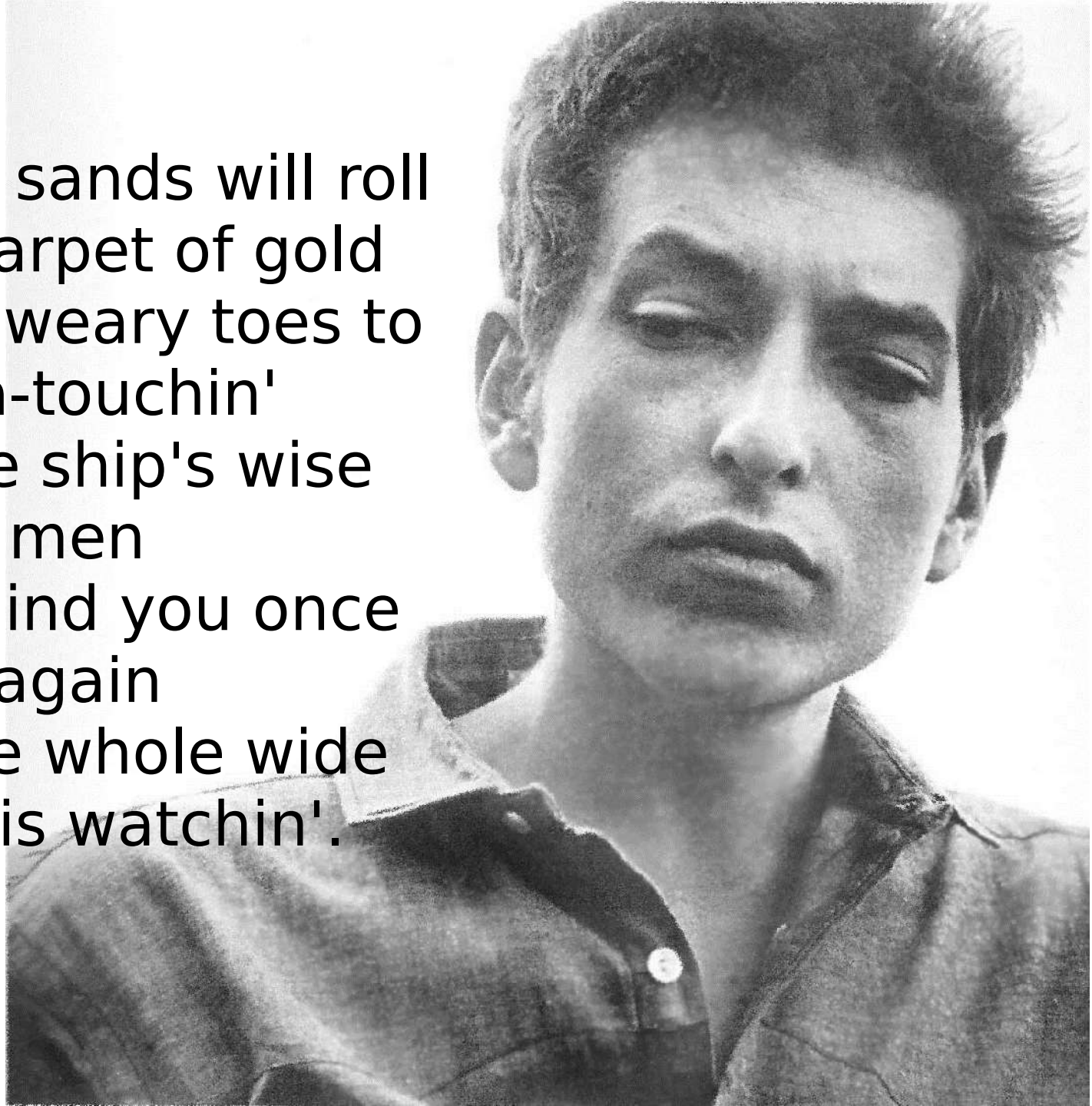
And the words that are used
For to get the ship confused
Will not be understood as
they're spoken
For the chains of the sea
Will have busted in the night
And will be buried at the bottom
of the ocean.



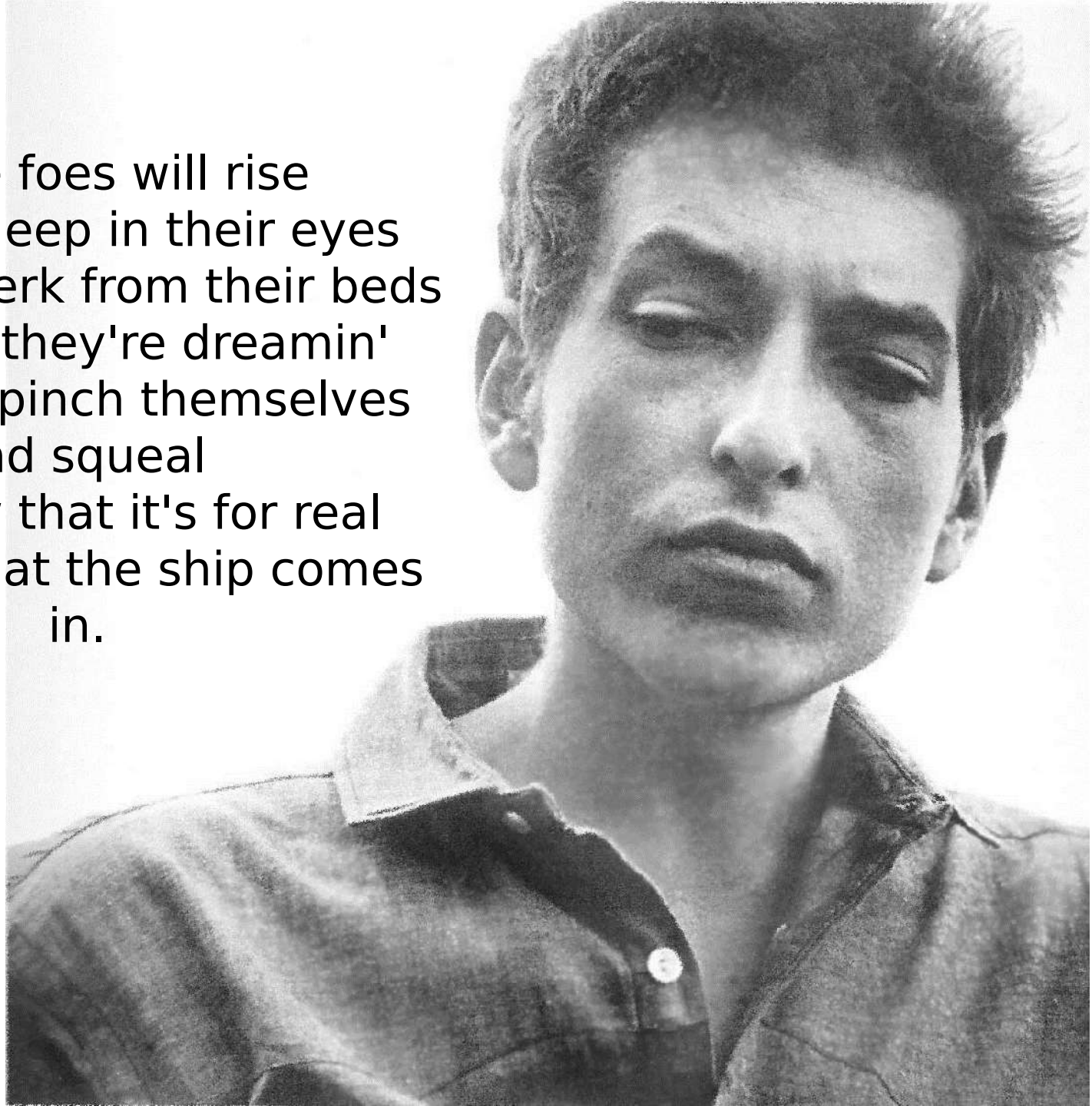
A song will lift
As the mainsail shifts
And the boat drifts on
to the shoreline
And the sun will
respect
Every face on the
deck
The hour that the ship
comes in.



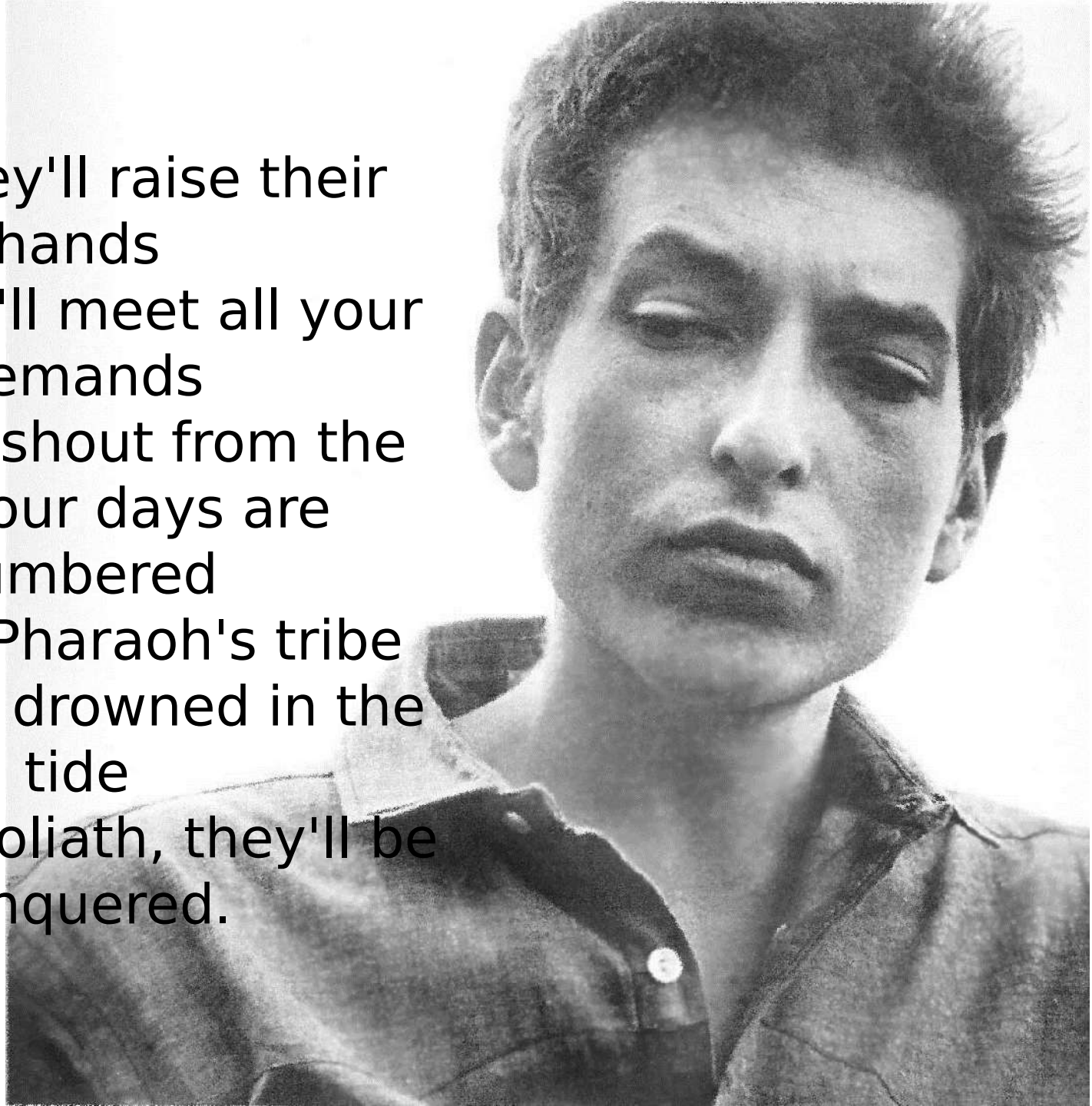
Then the sands will roll
Out a carpet of gold
For your weary toes to
be a-touchin'
And the ship's wise
men
Will remind you once
again
That the whole wide
world is watchin'.



Oh the foes will rise
With the sleep in their eyes
And they'll jerk from their beds
and think they're dreamin'
But they'll pinch themselves
and squeal
And know that it's for real
The hour that the ship comes
in.

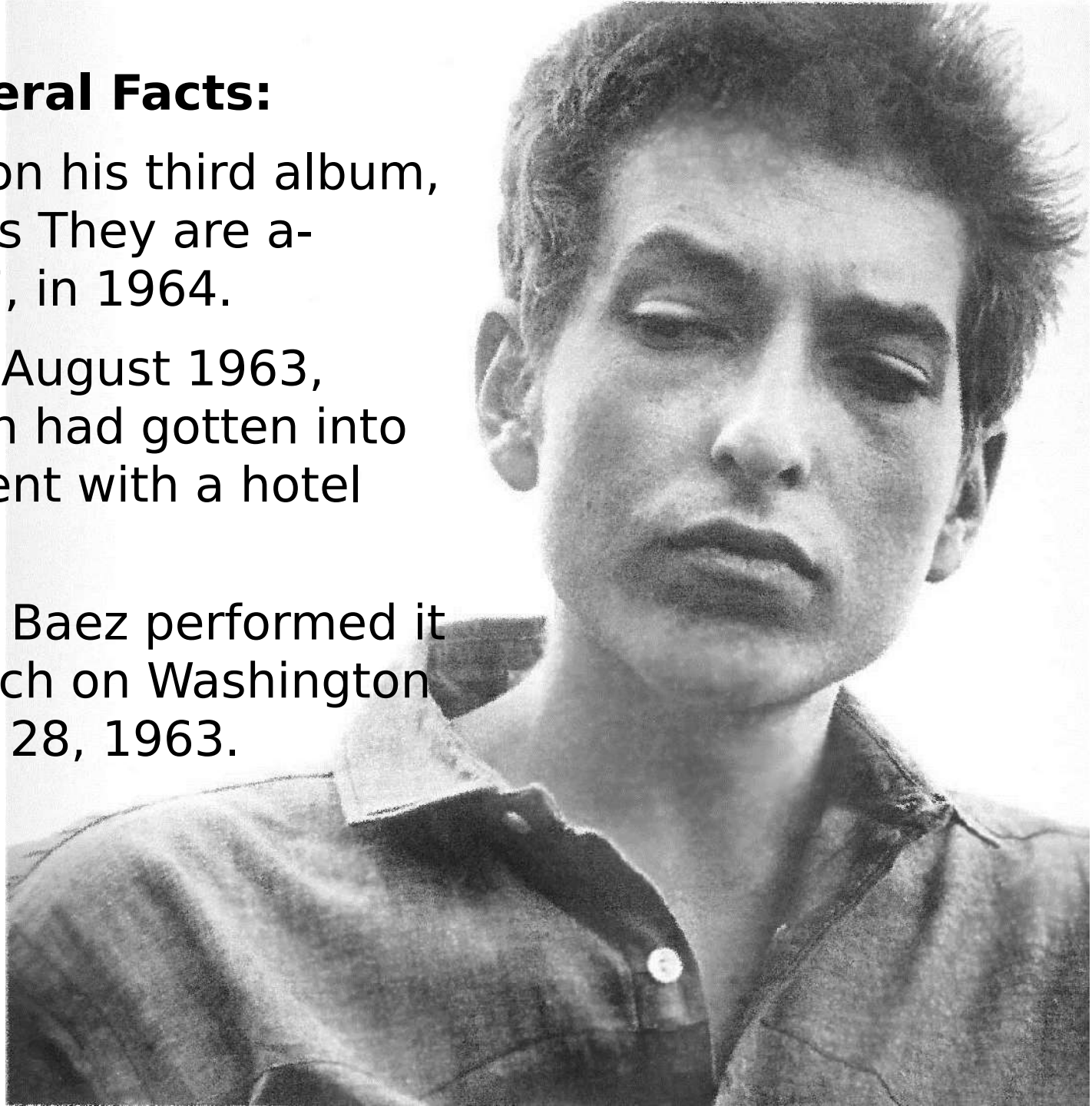


Then they'll raise their
hands
Sayin' we'll meet all your
demands
But we'll shout from the
bow your days are
numbered
And like Pharaoh's tribe
They'll be drowned in the
tide
And like Goliath, they'll be
conquered.

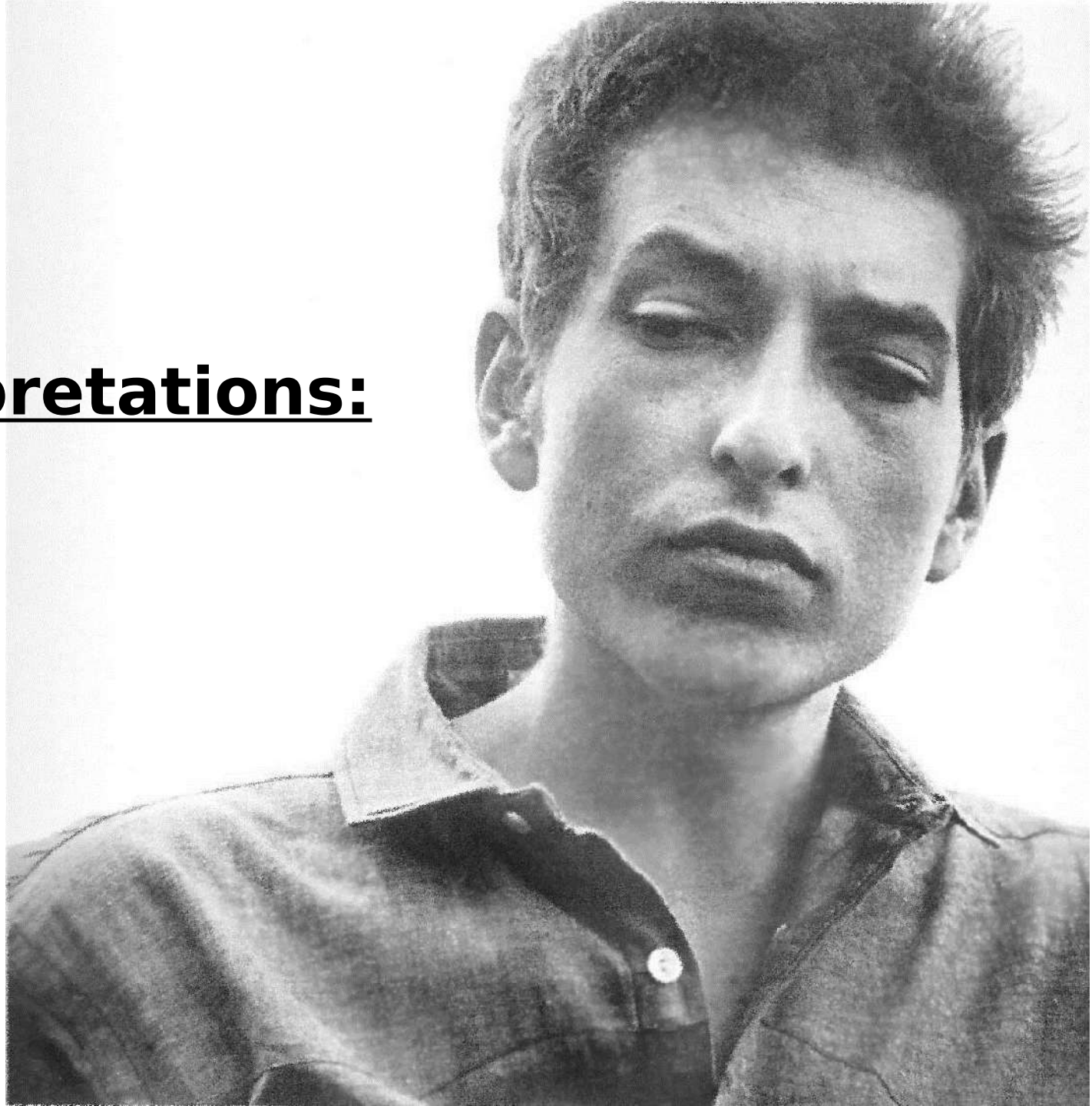


General Facts:

- Released on his third album, “The Times They are a-Changing”, in 1964.
- Written in August 1963, after Dylan had gotten into an argument with a hotel clerk.
- Dylan and Baez performed it at the March on Washington on August 28, 1963.

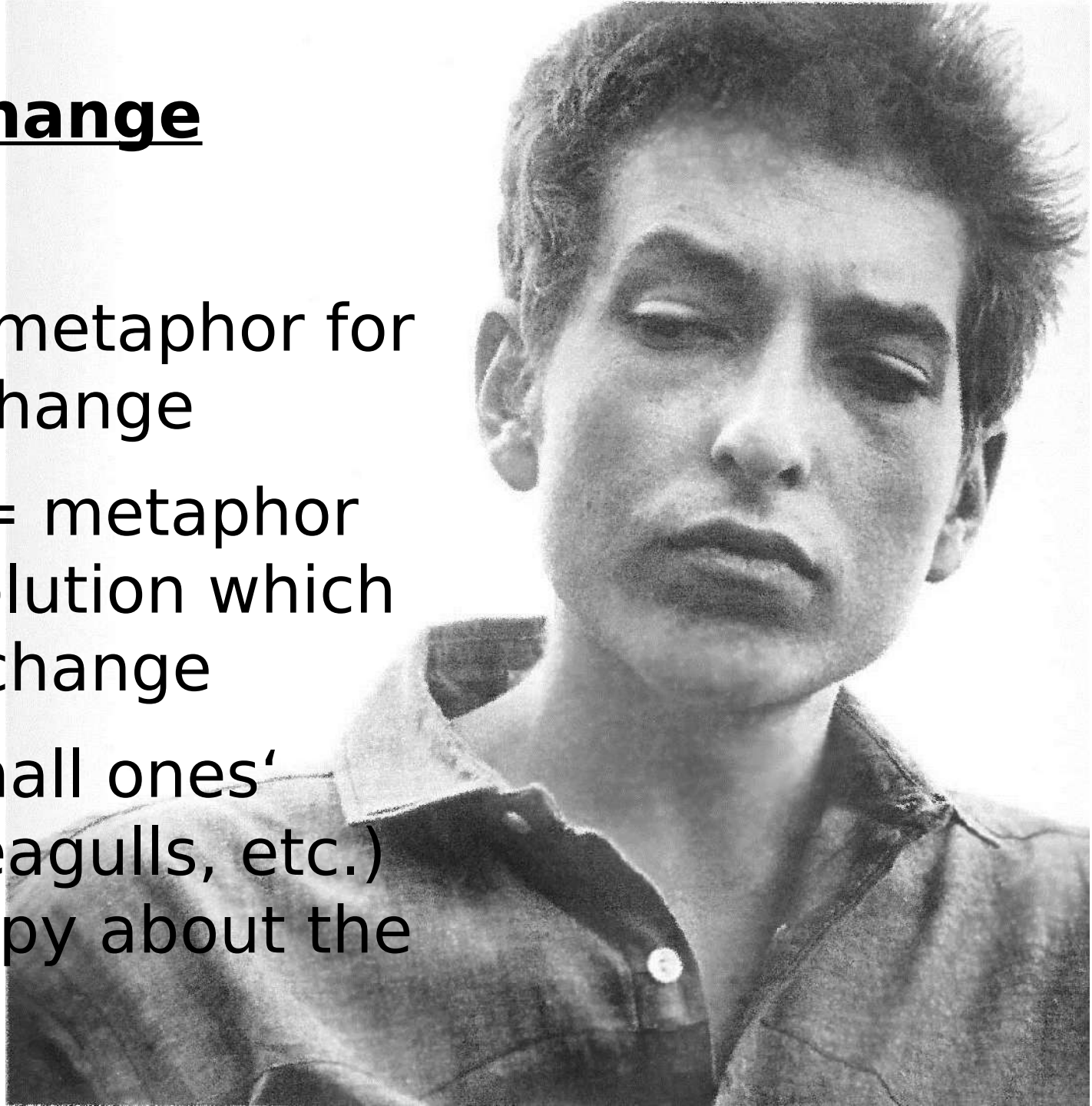


Interpretations:



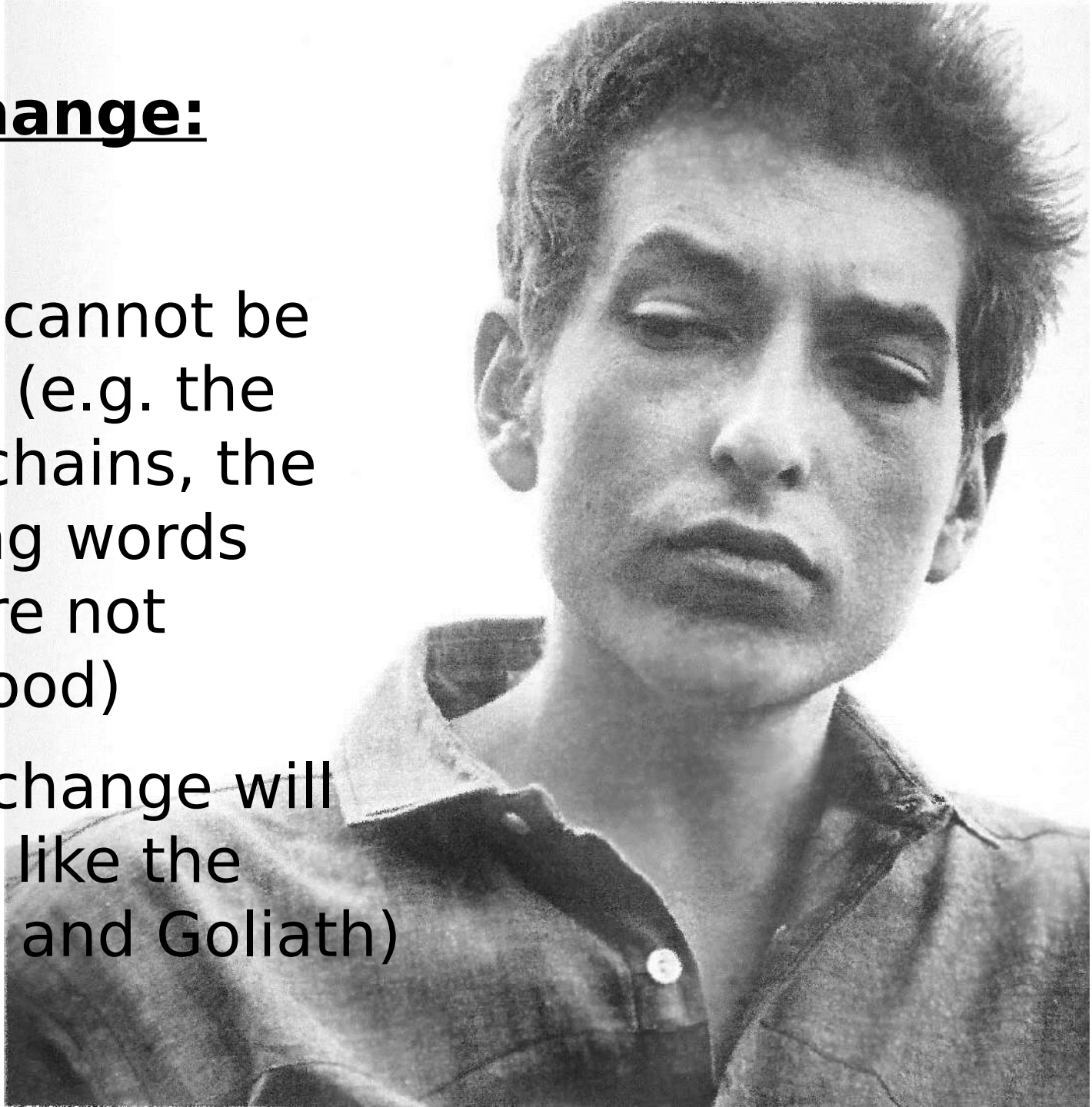
Change

- Ship = metaphor for social change
- Storm = metaphor for revolution which brings change
- The ,small ones‘ (fish, seagulls, etc.) are happy about the change



Change:

- Change cannot be stopped (e.g. the broken chains, the confusing words which are not understood)
- Foes of change will fall (just like the Pharaoh and Goliath)



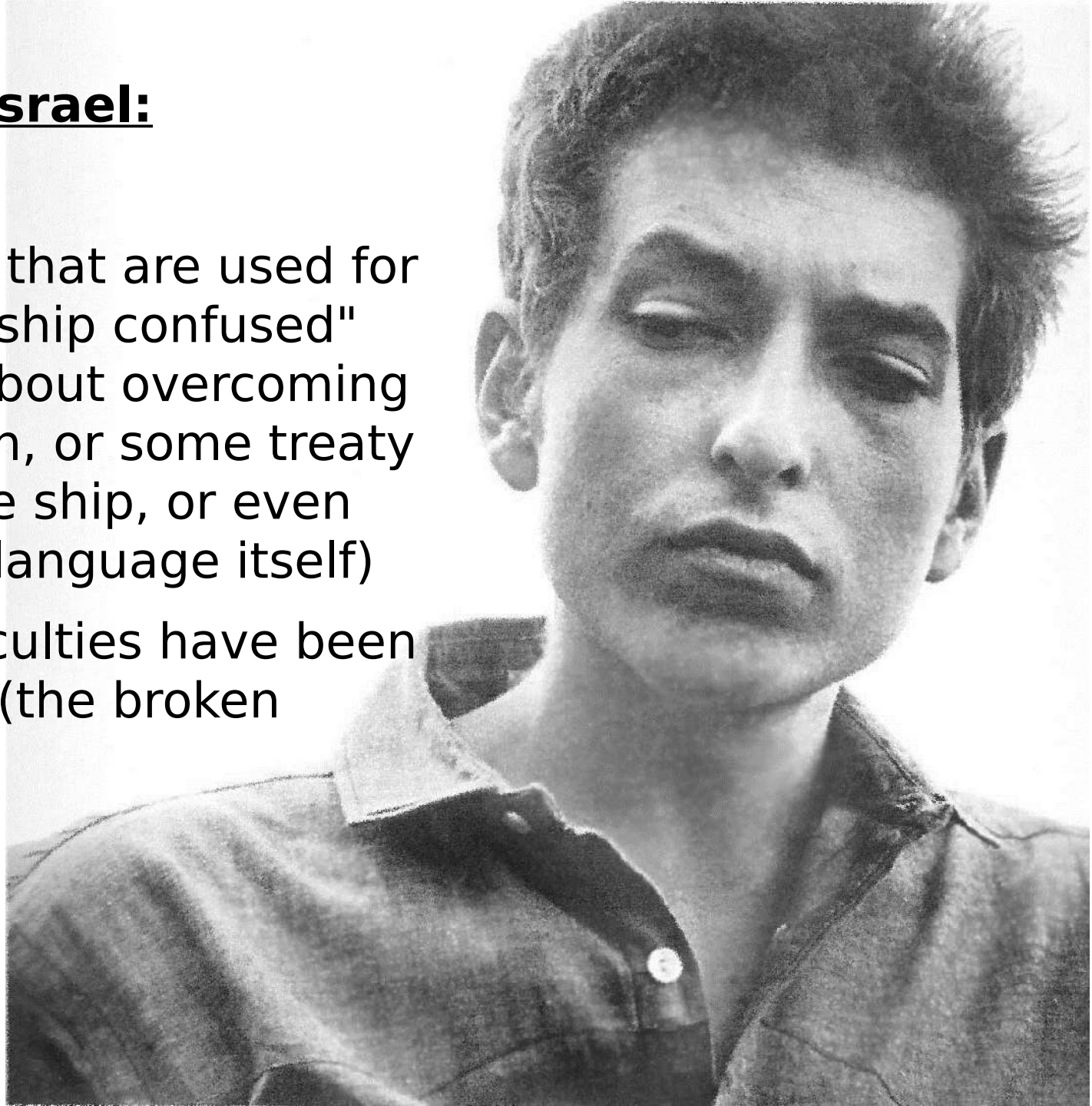
Israel:

- Ship stands for a certain group of people
- They come together on a shoreline, after they were scattered around the world (= the ocean)



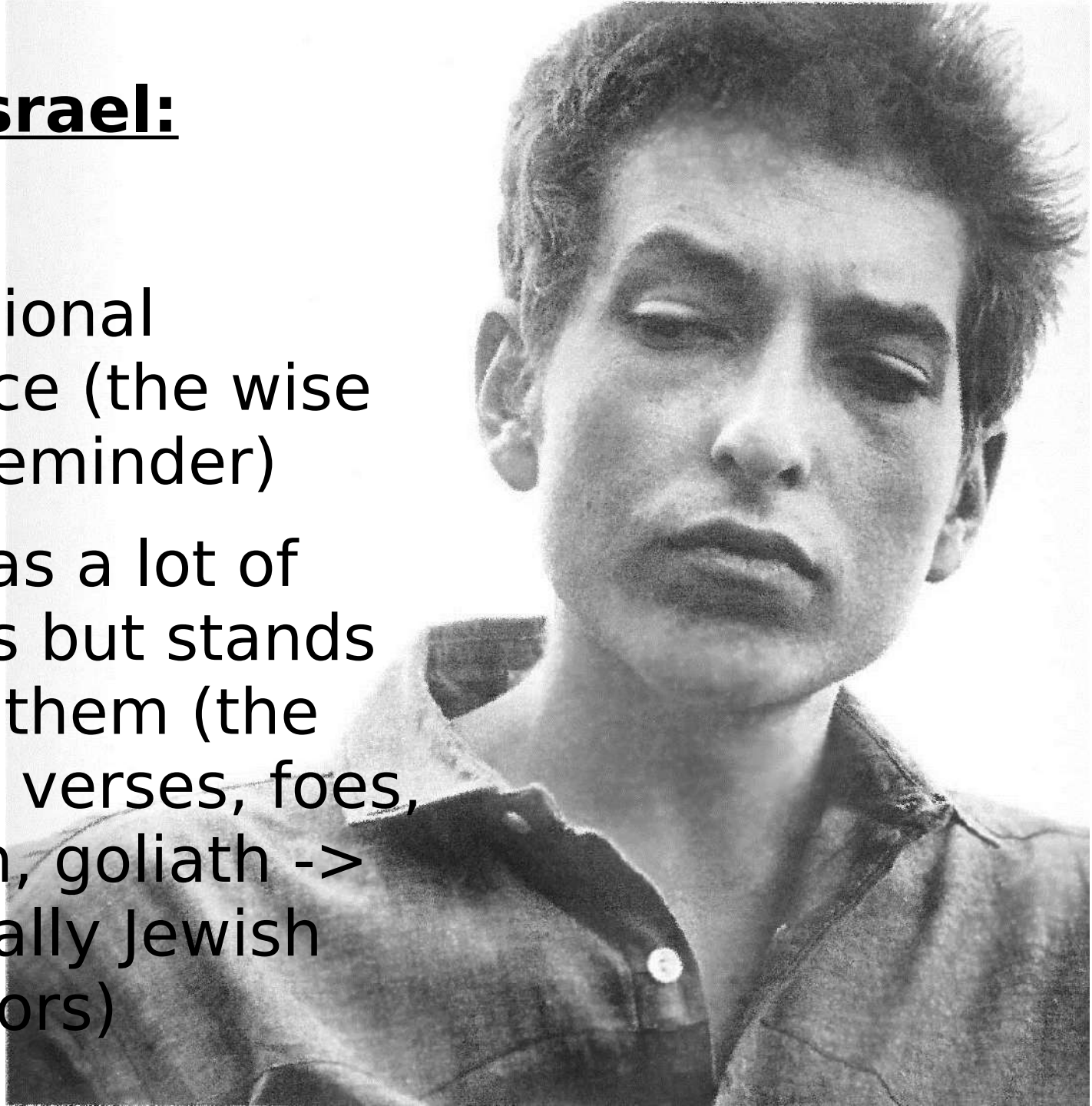
Israel:

- The words that are used for to get the ship confused" could be about overcoming the division, or some treaty binding the ship, or even about the language itself)
- those difficulties have been overcome (the broken chains)

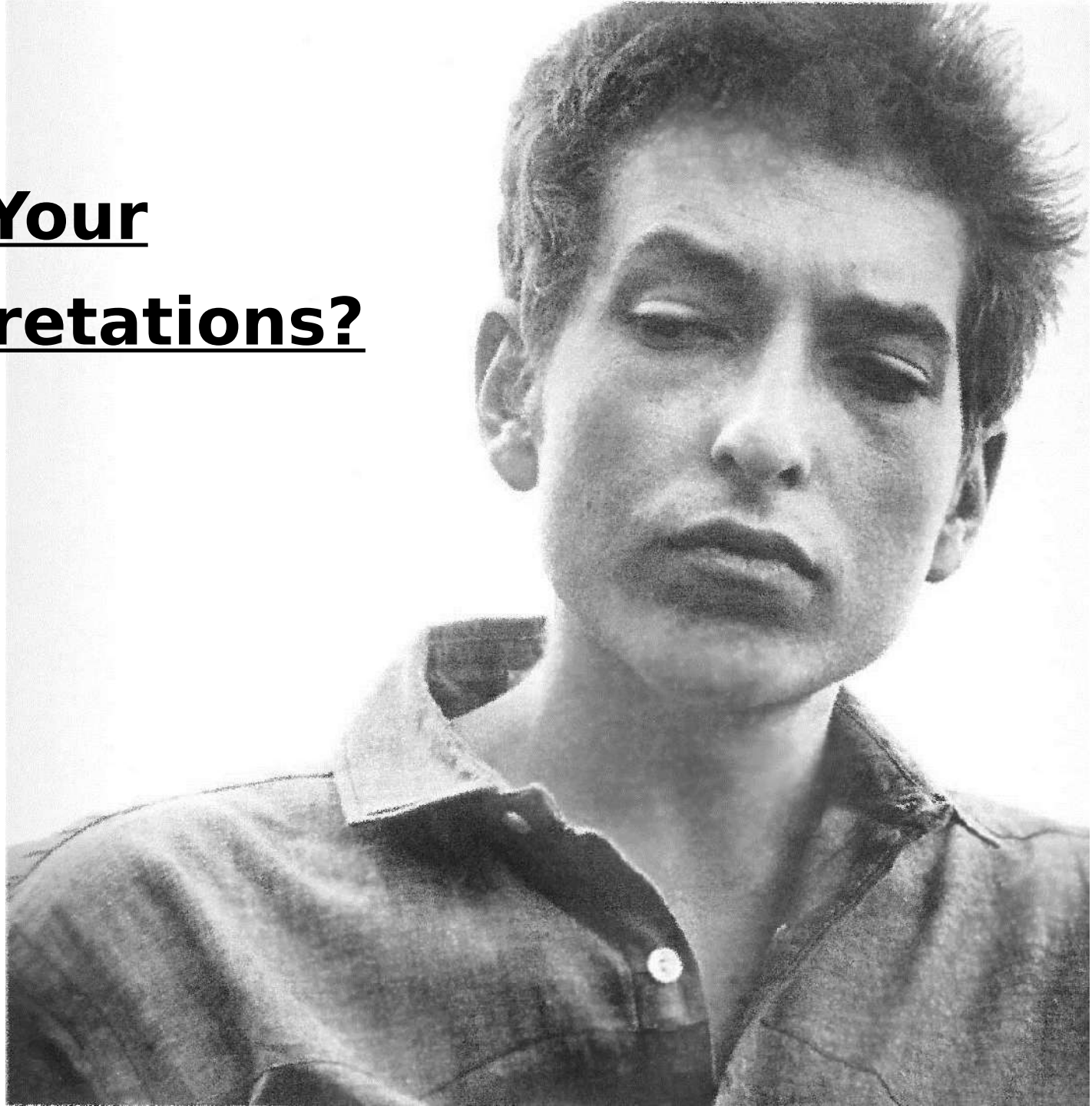


Israel:

- International relevance (the wise men's reminder)
- Israel has a lot of enemies but stands against them (the last two verses, foes, pharaoh, goliath -> specifically Jewish metaphors)



Your
interpretations?



Thank you!

