

**Bob Dylan – When the Ship Comes in**

Oh the time will come up  
When the \_\_\_\_\_ will stop  
And the breeze will cease to be breathin'  
Like the stillness in the wind  
'Fore the \_\_\_\_\_ begins  
The hours when the ship comes in.

And the seas will \_\_\_\_\_  
And the ship will hit  
And the \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ will be shaking  
Then the tide will sound  
And the wind will \_\_\_\_\_  
And the morning will be breaking.

Oh the \_\_\_\_\_ will laugh  
As they swim out of the path  
And the \_\_\_\_\_ they'll be smiling  
And the rocks on the sand  
Will \_\_\_\_\_ stand  
The hour that \_\_\_\_\_ .

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

A \_\_\_\_\_ will lift  
As the mainsail \_\_\_\_\_  
And the boat drifts on to the shoreline  
And the \_\_\_\_\_ will respect  
Every face on the \_\_\_\_\_  
The hour that the ship comes in.

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

Oh the \_\_\_\_\_ will rise  
With the \_\_\_\_\_ in their eyes  
And they'll jerk from their \_\_\_\_\_ and think they're \_\_\_\_\_  
But they'll pinch themselves and \_\_\_\_\_  
And know that it's \_\_\_\_\_  
The hour that the ship comes in.

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

- released on his third album, "The Times They are a-Changing", in 1964.
- according to Dylan's biographer, "When The Ship Comes In" was written in August 1963 "in a hotel room, after his unkempt appearance had led an impertinent hotel clerk to refuse him admission until his companion, Joan Baez, had vouched for his good character"
- shortly after completion, Dylan and Baez performed it together at the March on Washington on August 28, 1963.
- the song has been covered by numerous other artists and also translated into different languages.

Own interpretations:

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Sources:

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