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And search the surges with greedy eyes;
They hang with tremulous wings on the brink,
Then away on the blast with their shrill, wild cries.

Under the people crowd on the pier,
Where the long-gone gale is rattled and beat;
As the stress of the hurrying gale grows
Every eye is fixed on the fleet.

Far down along the shore the rocks,
All dark and slippery with black seaweed,
And the pale foam of the whirling sea,
Forever receding with hideous speed.

How the ships come! Let them come, poor harbor!
Here is the harbor, quiet and still;
Once entered, the weary can calmly sleep,
And dream of their home without fear of ill.

How the ships come! What's that? A hulk!
It carried away and she drifts to the beach;
Over her deck escape a muffled cry,
Every eye is fixed on the wreck.

On she comes for the rocks! O man!
O maidens and mothers! O daughters and wives!
You are sitting at home by the hearth-fire warm,
And you know not what is before you.

Now she strikes on the rocks! No sound!
No crash! No roar! No tumult and roll,
Till at last a great third wave will come,
And out her up, and in her the woe!

There—there are laughing voices to the top!
Shout on the wind comes their bitter cry;
A billow rises, and breaks, and goes by,
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AD is vanished; the ship and the crew,
Crushed, and crushed, and buried away;
Here are splinters on every ledge,
And here are the bones of the crew.

There, on the sands, is a sailor's grave;
There, close by, a man on his face;
And there are the others! Oh, cover them quick,
And carry them off from this fatal place!

They are laid in the yard of the weather-stone church,
And the grass will grow on their quiet grave;
But, O! how the wind will howl and wail,
It had stolen the wind, and curbed the wave!

But perhaps they were speaking. Our ears are dull,
And we cannot discern in this atmosphere;
The men, as they dropped, might have clearer seen,
Midst the dark waves, what was before them.

We must all be patient, and bear our part
In the perished lot of a wrecked world;
But some have living men to be found at last,
When the anchors are down and the sails are furled.

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