When the Ship Comes In

The Pogues

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 hour when the ship comes in

Oh 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 that drifts on to the shore line
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'

The foes will rise with the sleep still in their eyes
Jerk from their beds and think they're still 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 deman ds

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, yeah