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Long Watch

By DOROTHY QUICK

DAUGHTER, the tide is running low.
Is it the wind that is sobbing so?
 What of the rocks and the undertow
 And those long gray miles where the gray ships go?

Daughter, the tide will turn at last.
Is it your heart that beats so fast?
 Whose ensign flies from the tilted mast?
 In what strange port was the anchor cast?

Daughter, many a long night through
 I've tried forgetting, the same as you.
 Did you trim the lamp, as I told you to?
 The sea's a lover. It's true, it's true!

The tide turns back and the storms abate,
 Daughter, remember soon or late
 And ships come home with their precious freight,
 No matter if women watch and wait!

