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**WEIRD TALES ISSUED 1st OF EACH MONTH**

# Wharf Watchman

By EDGAR DANIEL KRAMER

When the harbor lights are winkin'  
 Through the dusk that hides the day,  
 Though 'tis little folks are thinkin'  
 That I'm wanderin' away,  
 Lord, I'm laughin', while I'm roamin'  
 From the shadow-haunted quays,  
 An' the stars, white in the gloamin',  
 Lead me out across the seas.

As upon my rounds I'm goin'  
 With a lantern in my hand,  
 There is no one to be knowin',  
 An' folks wouldn't understand,  
 If I told them I was sailin'  
 To be walkin' the bazars,  
 Where the temple bells are wailin'  
 To the pale moon an' the stars.

When the harbor bells are cryin'  
 Through the smother of the mist,  
 That comes when day is dyin',  
 I am keepin' an old tryst,  
 Where the gulls an' winds are screamin',  
 Where the salt spray stings my lips,  
 An', contrary to all seemin',  
 Lord, I'm followin' the ships.