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They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in  
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These see the works of the Lord, and his wonders in the deep.

*Psalm CVII.*

O to sail to sea in a ship!

To leave this steady unendurable land,

To leave the tiresome sameness of the streets, the sidewalks  
and the houses,

To leave you O you solid motionless land, and, entering a ship,

To sail and sail and sail!

*Walt Whitman.*

And did you never lie upon the shore

And watch the curl'd white of the coming wave

Glass'd in the slippery sand before it breaks?

*Lord Tennyson.*

The ocean with its vastness, its blue green,

Its ships, its rocks, its caves, its hopes, its fears—

Its voice mysterious, which whoso hears

Must think on what will be, and what has been.

*John Keats.*



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