## THE SAILOR'S LITANY



2. Speak to the shadows of the night, and turn their darkness into light; smooth down the breaker's rising crest, say to the billow, Be at rest.

Keep by thy mighty hand, oh, keep the dwellers on the homeless deep!

3. Soothe the rough ocean's troubled face, and bid the hurricane give place to the soft breeze that wafts the barque safely alike through light and dark. Keep by thy mighty hand, oh, keep the dwellers on the homeless deep!

4. In storm or battle, with thine arm shield thou the mariner from harm; from foes without, from ills within, from deeds, and words, and thoughts of sin. Keep by thy mighty hand, oh, keep the dwellers on the homeless deep!

5. O Son of God, in days of ill say to each sorrow, Peace, be still; in hours of weakness be thou nigh, heal thou the sickness, hear the cry. Keep by thy mighty hand, oh, keep the dwellers on the homeless deep!

6. When hidden is the guiding-star, flash out the beacon's light afar; from mist, and rock, and shoal, and spray, protect the sailor on his way.

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7. Defend from the quick lightning's stroke, and from the iceberg's crushing shock; take thou the helm, and surely guide the wanderer o'er the wayward tide.

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8. Good Pilot of the awful main, let us not plead thy love in vain; Jesus, draw near with kindly aid, say, It is I, be not afraid.

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