

I Have a Ship

I have a ship,
I push it gently to the sea
And off it slips into waters deep and free.

And with my ship all blown away
I will have nowhere left to stay.

(For Libby)

Gentle waves
Soak our feet on the shore,
Her stoic eyes
Point a compass at the stars.
A knowledge deep and filled with timeless memory will guide her ship far from shore safely out to the sea.

For with her watchful eyes aboard,
The sailors will fear no more.

So the ship sails swiftly through the dawn, and it carries no burdens on.

(For Dom)

I wrote a song
By the fire with my friend
He sang along
We played for hours without end
His hands were worn with all the music that we'd made, but they held strong fiddling gaily through the fading day.

And with the fire burnt and gone,
There are but embers for this song.

So the ship sails swiftly through the dawn, and it carries no burdens on.

(For Caitlin)

Always intact,
Her laugh comes running through the hall, it skips and plays, dancing like red leaves in the fall.
And as I turn about I catch the cheerful sound, without a word she spreads her happiness around.

And as she sails out of the bay
She takes her laughter far away.

So the ship sails swiftly through the dawn, and it carries no burdens on.

(For Elena)

So far afield,
Bare feet knocking at the grass,
We jump and reel,
Running oh so far and fast.
I feel her drop my hand and see her run ahead, chasing the sun, but she'll come back as she has always said.

So with a smile bright in the sun,
She sees how far that she can run.

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