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Aft - er I'm gone, who'll be your next love?

p-f

Aft - er I'm gone, who'll be - lieve in

you? Aft - er I'm gone, who'll give you

kiss - es, Kiss - es when you feel

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I'm Waiting For Ships That Never Come In ³

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Andante Moderato

They
These

mf *sostenuto*

say all the world is a stage, Life is
beau - ti - ful dream ships of mine, What a

p

on - ly a dram - a of dreams; It's at
won - der - ful trea - sure they hold! If they

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birth that we start, Each one plays a part That
 ev - er come in, What a prize I'll win: A

fate choos - es for us, it seems
 love far more pre - cious than gold,

I'm just a dream - er whose dreams go a stray They
 And tho' my dream - ing may be all in vain A

call me the fool in the play. I'm
 dream - er I'll glad - ly re - main.

REFRAIN *Slowly*

wait - ing for ships that nev - er come in,

The first system of the refrain features a vocal line in a treble clef with a key signature of one flat and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are "wait - ing for ships that nev - er come in,". The piano accompaniment is in a grand staff (treble and bass clefs) and includes a dynamic marking of *p-f* (piano-forte). The music consists of chords and moving lines in both hands.

Watch - ing and wait - ing in vain, ——— It seems that

The second system continues the refrain with the lyrics "Watch - ing and wait - ing in vain, ——— It seems that". The piano accompaniment continues with similar harmonic textures, including some chromatic movement in the bass line.

Life's storm - y sea holds noth - ing for me

The third system of the refrain has the lyrics "Life's storm - y sea holds noth - ing for me". The piano accompaniment features a mix of block chords and moving lines, maintaining the slow, reflective mood.

But brok - en dreams and shat - tered schemes, With

The fourth system concludes the refrain with the lyrics "But brok - en dreams and shat - tered schemes, With". The piano accompaniment ends with sustained chords in the right hand and a descending line in the left hand.

each day of sor - row I love to pre - tend



One more to - mor - row and wait - ing will end; I'm



wait - ing for ships that nev - er come in, I won - der



where they can be. I'm be.



I'm Waiting for Ships That Never Come In

(Recitation by Jack Yellen)

Life is only a game of poker
 And Happiness is the pot.
 Fate deals you five cards in the cradle;
 You play—if you like it or not.
 Some get a pat hand to start with
 And the game doesn't seem on the square
 When you look at your hand and discover
 You were born without even a pair.
 But there's no use in kicking or squawking;
 You pick up your cards and begin
 To figure and plan and puzzle,
 While Fate looks on with a grin.
 Some take a chance at bluffing
 And stake everything they've got
 On a dinky little four-flush—
 Sometimes it wins the pot.
 Others will break up openers
 To draw for a middle straight.
 They know what a chance they're taking,
 And they learn their mistake too late.

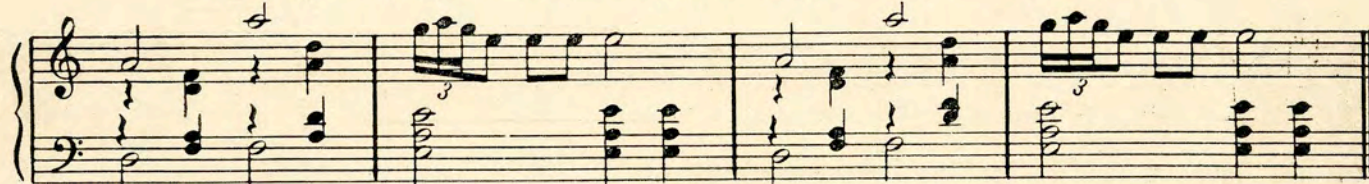
Some can't help playing crooked
 Against all good advice,
 But they seldom get away with it—
 In the end they pay the price.
 The most of us play straight poker
 But I tell you, boys, it's hard,
 When you're there with both ends open
 And you can't draw the winning card.
 Now, I've always been a loser,
 It seems that I never can win;
 And I'm just a Dreamer who's waiting
 For ships that never come in.
 Why, look! What's that in the distance,
 Sailing across the sea?
 My ships! My ships are coming
 They're sailing home to me.
 With wealth and love and Happiness!
 My sorrowing days have passed
 It's the end of watching and waiting—
 My ships have come at last!

(Pantomime as if welcoming imaginary ships approaching from the distance, while four bars of "dream" music are played.)



(During next four bars recite following slowly)

THEY'RE — SAILING — BY! — THOSE — ARE — NOT — MY — SHIPS!



(Finish with last four bars of chorus.)



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CHORUS *Slowly*

Miss - iss - ip - pi Mam - my can't you hear your hon - ey lam - my

p-f

call ing? Mam-my o' mine

I'm pin - ing all o' the time I love you;

Ten - der - ly I seem to see you smile while shades of night are fall

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