

# THE LIFEBOAT PRAYER

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let me not drink the bitterest cup.  
Yet if the wind and wave prevail,  
Let Not The Deep Swallow Me Up.*

When the call for rescue comes  
from those in peril on this day,  
no matter how the storms may roll,  
we cannot turn our heads away.

We must go where we are called  
through wind and rain, through wave and foam.  
'tis not for glory nor for gold  
we bring poor sailors safely home.

I am a leaf upon the wind,  
I am a man in love with life.  
I am afear'd as any man  
to venture 'gainst the ocean's strife.