

*Alfred, Lord Tennyson*

*Break, Break, Break*

**B**reak, break, break,  
on thy cold gray stones, O Sea!

And I would that my tongue could utter  
The thoughts that arise in me.

O, well for the fisherman's boy,  
That he shouts with his sister at play!

O, well for the sailor lad,  
That he sings in his boat on the bay!

And the stately ships go on  
To their haven under the hill;

But O for the touch of a vanish'd hand,  
And the sound of a voice that is still!

Break, break, break  
At the foot of thy crags, O Sea!