

Ocean Song

Count the waves on the shore: "God is Most Great!" 10 by 4 ¹

Listen to the ocean song calling to my heart

Meditations by the sea, ocean waves beckoning me

Listen to the ocean song calling to my heart

Be as the waves of one sea

Holy Mariner² we await Thee, bid Thine Ark of Eternity

Sail upon the Ancient Sea calling to our hearts

Our ships of fancy standeth still, we'll never be one in peace until

We listen to the ocean song calling to our hearts

Be as the waves of one sea

And when you reach the shores of the Sea of Grandeur be a knower,³ plunge right in

And see oceans of life in a single drop and behold the pearls therein.

Pearls of knowledge, wisdom and understanding; worlds of peace and serenity.

"Immerse yourselves in the ocean of My words," ⁴

Be as the waves of one sea

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¹ Islamic Tradition "And he that counteth forty waves, while repeating: 'God is Most Great!' -- exalted be He -- God will forgive his sins, both past and future." (Baha'u'llah, Epistle to the Son of the Wolf, p. 180)

² "Tablet of the Holy Mariner," in which Bahá'u'lláh prophesies the severe afflictions that are to befall Him. (Shoghi Effendi, God Passes By, p. 140) The references to the Ark and ships of fancy come from this Tablet.

³ The story is told of a mystic knower, who went on a journey with a learned grammarian as his companion. They came to the shore of the Sea of Grandeur. The knower straightway flung himself into the waves, but the grammarian stood lost in his reasonings, which were as words that are written on water. (Baha'u'llah, The Four Valleys, p. 51)

⁴ Immerse yourselves in the ocean of My words, that ye may unravel its secrets, and discover all the pearls of wisdom that lie hid in its depths. (Baha'u'llah, Gleanings from the Writings of Baha'u'llah, p. 136)