THE INCOMING TIDE

"They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters; These see the works of the LORD, and his wonders in the deep."
PSALM 107:23-24

There is no movement...

The river lies calm and settled---at ebb, has been for long time now; The boats lie high and dry on the embankment.

At last!

The incoming tidal flood is flowing up the great estuary from the sea; that home of marvels.

Now it is touching our little vessels...

Soon they begin to tremble, to gently rock and sway in that uplifting power.

When the great tide is at the full, they rise up, freed of the sand and pebbles that bind them to the shore.

Then: the men who are ready; step in and sail away on great waters... Outward bound in God's business!

...For time and tide can wait for no man.

If the man is not prepared, if he dallies, the tide soon drops, and his boat is left grounded on the shoreline...

His voyage on the bosom of the deep cannot be accomplished.

Listen!

At this very moment I feel the breeze, I hear the issuing sound of the incoming tide.

That rolling in from the ocean of the fullness of God...

Your keels are now being kissed by the great flowing waters of that grace, mercy and power.

Your little boats are now rising up with that tide...

Are you ready to man them?

Have you the courage and strength to launch out into the deep?

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