John Lee Hooker, The Waterfront

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I cover the waterfront, watchin' the ship go by I could see, everybody's baby, but I couldn't see mine I could see, the ships pullin' in, to the harbor I could see the people, meetin' their loved one Shakin' hand, I sat there, So all alone, coverin' the waterfront

And after a while, all the people, Left the harbor, and headed for their destination All the ships, left the harbor, And headed for their next destination I sat there, coverin' the waterfront

And after a while, I looked down the ocean, As far as I could see, in the fog, I saw a ship It headed, this way, comin' out the foam It must be my baby, comin' down And after a while, the ship pulled into the harbor, Rollin' slow, so cripple And my baby, stepped off board I was still, coverin' the waterfront

Said "Johnny, our ship had trouble, with the fog And that's why we're so late, so late Comin' home, comin' down'