

Sometimes all little birds that are, 360  
 How they seemed to fill the sea and air  
 With their sweet jargoning!

And now 'twas like all instruments,  
 Now like a lonely flute;  
 And now it is an angel's song, 365  
 That makes the heavens be mute.

It ceased; yet still the sails made on  
 A pleasant noise till noon,  
 A noise like of a hidden brook  
 In the leafy month of June, 370  
 That to the sleeping woods all night  
 Singeth a quiet tune.

Till noon we quietly sailed on,  
 Yet never a breeze did breathe;  
 Slowly and smoothly went the ship, 375  
 Moved onward from beneath.

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Under the keel nine fathom deep,  
 From the land of mist and snow,  
 The spirit slid: and it was he  
 That made the ship to go. 380  
 The sails at noon left off their tune,  
 And the ship stood still also.

The Sun, right above up the mast,  
 Had fixed her to the ocean;  
 But in a minute she 'gan stir, 385  
 With a short uneasy motion—  
 Backwards and forwards half her length  
 With a short uneasy motion.