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Gone From My Sight

*I am standing on the seashore. A ship at my side, spreads
her white sails to the moving breeze and starts for the
blue ocean.
She is an object of beauty and strength.*

*I stand and watch her until, at length,
She hangs like a speck of white cloud just where the sea
and sky begin to mingle with each other.*

*Then someone at my side says,
"There, she is gone."*

Gone where?

*Gone from my sight. That is all. She is just as large in
mast, hull and spar as she was when she left my side.
And, she is just as able to bear her load of living freight
to her destined port.
Her diminished size is in me-not in her.*

*And, just at the moment when someone says,
"There, she is gone," there are other eyes
watcher her coming, and other voices ready to take up
the glad shout,
"Here she comes! And she is perfect and beautiful."
And that is dying for the Christian...*

*For us on the seashore, it's a horizon and only the limit of
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We lift up our eyes, Oh Lord, that we may see farther.*

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