

THE RIVER

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QUIET DAYS UPON THE RIVER  
QUIET TIMES IN THE SHIPPING TRADE  
NO MORE FREIGHTERS TO DELIVER  
NO MORE TANKERS TO BE MADE  
BLOW OF HAMMER GONE FOREVER  
CLASH OF METAL, SQUEAL AND DIN  
NO MORE WAILING OF THE HOOTER  
FLUSHING OUT A 1000 MEN

THEY CAN'T BRING BACK THIS OLD SHIPBUILDING  
NO RETURNING TO YOUR FATHERS' WAYS  
BUT THESE REMINDERS BY THE WATER  
LINGER ON FROM YESTERDAY

ROWS OF SLIPWAYS STAND FORGOTTEN  
EMPTY YARDS WITH ROTTEN FRAMES  
SILENT QUAYS LIE ABANDONED  
THEY ONCE WERE BUSY IN BETTER DAYS  
THIS OLD SHIPBUILDING GONE FOREVER  
NO MORE FLAGS ON LAUNCHING DAY  
DAYS OF PRIDE AND DAYS OF SORROW  
WERE THEY AS GOLDEN AS THEY SAY?

THEY CAN'T BRING BACK etc

QUIET DAYS UPON THE RIVER  
QUIET TIMES UPON THE QUAY  
HIGH ABOVE A SEAGULL PASSES OVER  
DOWN THE RIVER AND OUT TOWARDS THE SEA

THEY CAN'T BRING BACK etc.