

## DEEP BREATH

salt air, lulling balm,  
teak, 'nove' varnish,  
sun-placid sea calm,  
moonglow snuggling mist,  
lap of waves—a psalm  
spray-mingled, first kiss.

Adrift, upon seas  
most melancholy,  
fog grey, swelling tense,  
tempest-pitched to port—  
list next to starboard—  
endless churn of sea  
shuffled ever leeward.

how long the float?

--J. F. Lowe