

Voyage of the Good Ship Union.

BY DR. Q. W. HOLMES--ATLANTIC MONTHLY. 'Tis midnight: through my troubled dream Loud wails the tempest's cry; Before the gale, with tattered sail, A ship goes plunging by; Whatname? where bound?--Rocks around Repeat the wild halloo: --The good ship Union: Southward bound; God help her and her crew!

And is the Old Flag flying still That o'er your fathers flew, With bands of white and red, And field of starry blue? --Aye! look aloft: 'tis folds full oft Have braved the roaring blast, And still shall fly, when from the sky This black typhoon has passed!

Speak, pilot, of the storm-tossed bark! May I thy perils share? --O landsman, these are fearful seas The brave alone may dare! --Nay, ruler of the rebel deep, What matters wind or wave? The rocks that wreck your reeling deck Will leave me nought to save!

O landsman, art thou false or true? What sign hast thou to show? --The crimson stains from loyal veins That hold my heart-blood's flow! --Enough! what more shall I pour chime? I know the sacred sign; Above thy head our flag shall spread, Our ocean path be thine!

The bark sails on; the Pilgrim's Cape Lies low along her lee, Those headlong crooks its anchor flukes To lock the shore and sea; No treason here! 't is cut too dear To win this barren realm, And true and free the hands must be That hold the whaler's helm!

Still on! Manhattan's narrowing bay No Rebel cruizer fears; Her waves feel no pirate's keel That flaunts the fallen stars! --But watch the light on yonder height-- Aye, pilot, have a care! Some lingering cloud in mist may shroud The capes of Delaware!

Say, pilot, what this fort may be, Whose sentinels look down From moated walls that show the sea-- Their deep embrasures' frown? The Rebel host claim all the coast, But these are friends we know, Whose footprints spoil the "sacred soil," And this is Fort Monroe!

The breakers roar, low beneath the shore? --The traitorous wreckers' hands Have quenched the blaze that threw its rays Along the Hatteras sands, --Ha! say not so! I see its glow! Against the shoals display The beacon light that shines by night, The Union Stars by day!

The good ship flies to milder skies, The wave more gently flows, The softening breeze wafts o'er the seas The breath of Beaufort's rose. What foil is this the sweet wind-kiss, Fair-striped and away-starred, Whose shadow falls these orphaned walls, The twins of Beaufort?

What! heard you not Port Royal's doom? How the black war-ships came And turned the Beaufort roses' bloom To redder wreaths of flame? How from Rebellion's broken reed, We saw his emblein fall, As soon his cursed poison weed Shall drop from Sumner's wall!

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