

Ever Near Me

**When the sea around me tosses, and the tide is running high;
When the ship is taking water and the motors seem to die.
There's a Captain who is with me, who has ever lost a bark,
He is stronger than the tide waves, and the night that seems so dark.
When the world begins to falter with distress on every hand;
When the trouble seems so heavy, and the ship so hard to man.
There's a hand that lays upon me, gently leads me where I go,
'Tis His loving hand that guides me, keeps me from the place of woe.**

**When this life on earth is ended, and the Captain calls me home;
When the toils and cares of labour, and the roads I cease to roam.
There my Captain will be waiting, standing at the portal door,
He's the Master of my longing, and the One I've loved from yore.**

Chorus

**He is ever, ever near me, and so precious to me, dear;
And he leads me through the waters, and the times of greatest fear.
He is ever, ever with me, and He'll never let me go,
For His love is now within me, and He loves me gently so.**

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