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Written by me in the Town House, at that time--where the Proprietor was my kind host.

For His Disciples Christ took fisherman;

And I can see the wisdom he showed then;

Men learn sure comradeship who fish at sea.

Starry nights they feel Eternity;

From steadied substance grows the certain faith

Of men whose brave clear eyes can out-stare death....

They must look sharp and keep the meshes clear;

They must move, careful of their lines, their gear;

The Eternal Purpose to their lives is near...

The dear Lord knew in fisherman He'd find,

The constant heart, the strong believing mind!

Harry Kemp