

## God Stays the Sea

Job 38:11 *“...Hitherto shalt thou come, but no further: and here shall thy proud waves be stayed...”* is a good reminder of the navy hymn:

*Eternal Father, strong to save,  
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,  
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep  
Its own appointed limits keep;  
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,  
For those in peril on the sea!*

See:

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=bDjwUzUnNpU](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bDjwUzUnNpU)



Roker Lighthouse, Sunderland

[en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eternal\\_Father, Strong to Save](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eternal_Father,_Strong_to_Save). Note that the word *brood* in the third stanza is wrong and should be *move*, Genesis 1:2. Apart from that, the hymn is scriptural.

The Youtube soundtrack is from Easington Lane Independent Methodist Church, Houghton Le Spring, Tyne and Wear. The lighthouse is Roker Lighthouse, Sunderland, Tyne and Wear, Northeast England. (The lighthouse appears from the graphic in the soundtrack to have undergone some refurbishment since the above photo was taken. This is in fact the case [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Roker#Lighthouses and pier](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Roker#Lighthouses_and_pier).)

Though best known as *The Navy Hymn*, the hymn is applicable as a prayer for all of God's saints who are pilgrims in *“this present evil world”* Galatians 1:4 as Isaiah explains.

***“But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt”*** Isaiah 57:20.

Job 38:11 is therefore a reminder that the scripture addresses reality, especially with respect to suffering, as in the case of Job, Job 1, 2.