

THE TIDE RISES,
THE TIDE FALLS
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The tide rises, the tide falls, _____

The twilight darkens, the curlew calls; _____

Along the sea-sands damp and brown _____

The traveler hastens toward the town, _____

And the tide rises, the tide falls. _____

Darkness settles on roofs and walls, _____

But the sea, the sea in darkness calls; _____

The little waves, with their soft, white hands _____

Efface the footprints in the sands, _____

And the tide rises, the tide falls. _____

The morning breaks; the steeds in their stalls _____

Stamp and neigh, as the hostler calls; _____

The day returns, but nevermore _____

Returns the traveler to the shore. _____

And the tide rises, the tide falls. _____