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Driftwood

By Cristel Hastings

THEY sent your ship to distant lands
For silks and spice and gold;
You were to bring a cargo of
The riches that men hold
Above all else, and yet I felt
No joyful pride to see
You in command, though hope ran high,
They took you far from me.

And then one night the shore was strewn
With bits of wood and sails;
And some one said, as in a dream,
You had encountered gales
And jettisoned the cargo that
The tides had washed ashore.
I knew no matter what the loss
That I had lost far more.

But dawn came to a breaking heart;
I scanned a sunlit sea
And loved the broken, battered wreck
That brought you back to me.

