

16. Mother Ocean

Andante Affettuoso

Pham Duy (English lyrics Pham Quang Tuan)



She sings a lull-a - by of gent-ly lap - ping tide,



A vast em - brace of blue tur - quoise she o - pens wide,



Be - stows her gift of salt to bring us plea-sure at meal time,



With boun-teous fish and prawn she fills the net of a grate-ful child.



Our Mo-ther's old and sweet She threat-ens no big storm,



Her rain is gen-tle and her wind is mild.



Each day her hope-ful heart turns to the mor-ning sun's warm rays,



Each night her long-ing ri - ses for the chil-dren gone a - stray.



She looks to North-ern winds And to the sun-ny South,



Love reach-ing out to bound-less emp - ty space.



The lull - a - by of pines and gent-ly lap - ping tide



Is call - ing way - ward chil - dren back to Mo - ther's side.

