He Is Gone

I am standing on the seashore. A ship spreads his sails to the morning breeze and starts for the ocean. I am watching until he fades on the horizon, and someone at my side says, "He is gone." Gone where? The loss of sight is in me, not in him. Just at the moment when someone says "He is gone," There are others who are watching him coming. Other voices take up the gladshout, "Here he comes!"...And that is dying.