

## Ernest Tubb

# "I'm Waiting For Ships That Never Come In"

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I'm waiting for ships that never come in just watching  
and waiting in vain  
It seems that life's stormy sea holds nothing for me  
But broken dreams and shattered schemes  
With each new day's dawning I try to pretend one more  
tomorrow and waiting will end  
I'm waiting for ships that never come in I wonder where  
they can be

Now life is only a game of poker and happiness is the  
pot  
They'd deal you five cards in the cradle and you play  
with your like it or not  
Some game had a start with and the game doesn't  
seem on the square  
When you pick up your cards and discover that you  
were born without even a pair  
Now some take a chance on bluffing and stake  
everything they've got  
On a little yankee poor flush and sometimes that wins a  
plot  
While others will break up openers to draw for a middle  
straight

Why they know the chance they are taking but they  
learned your mistake too late  
Now some can't plan crook it against all good advice  
But they seldom get away with it at the end they've  
paid the price  
Now me I've always been a loser why it seems I never  
can win  
I'm just a dreamer who's waiting for ships that never  
come in  
I'm waiting for ships that never come in I wonder where  
they can be

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