Jim Reeves "I'm Waiting for Ships That Never Come In"

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(Jack Yellen - Abe Olsen)

(Sang)

I'm waiting for ships that never come in. I wonder where they can be?

(Spoken)

Life is only a game of poker And happiness is the partner They deal you five cards in the cradle And you play wether your like it or not.

Some get a pat hand to start with And the game doesn't seem on the square When you look at your hand and discover You were born without even a pair.

But there's no use in kicking or squawking Just pick up your cards and begin To figure and plan and puzzle While fate looks on with a grin.

Some take a chance at bluffing And stake everything they've got On a little dinky little poor flush And sometimes that wins a plot.

Others will break up openers
To draw for a middle straight
They know what a chance they're takin'
And they learned their mistake, too late.

Some can't play crooked Against all good advice But they seldom get away with it And in the end they've paid the price.

The most of us play straight poker
But I'll tell you boys it's hard
When you're there with both ends open
And you can't draw the winning card

Now, I've always been a loser It seems that I never can win And I'm just a dreamer who's waiting For ships that never come in.

(Sang)
I wonder, where they can be?..

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