

FOR THOSE IN PERIL ...

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There was no hint of peril on the sea this day; no least suggestion that the friendly calm masked fury untamable.

There was no sign that over the white, sun-warmed cottages of Mumbles hung more than once the shadow of black tragedy.

Three times a Mumbles lifeboat has been wrecked; brave village men been victims of the insatiable sea; most recently last April, when the *Santamper* broke her back on terrible Sker Point.

In halves lay the *Santamper* when the gale blew out. ⁷ All eight men of the Mumbles lifeboat perished in vain attempt to save the tanker's crew of thirty-nine. The sea, its worst accomplished, ~~was~~ again lay cynically ~~in~~ calm.

The cemetery near Mumbles mutely communicates its tale. Four men were lost in 1883. Twenty years later six. And where no stones yet stand lie buried eight claimed by the ^{April} hurricane that matched outrageous odds against courage godlike and sublime. When the new lifeboat came *in sight* a pang of fear stabbed many a woman's heart. Yet in Mumbles they know there must always be a lifeboat near Sker Point. The *William Gammon*, named after the coxswain drowned in April, provides as fully as ~~is~~ possible every safety device. Two 40-horse, water-tight Diesel engines; loud-hailer, line gun, oil spray, searchlight;

And for crew, more Mumbles fishermen, who know Sker Point. *

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[The good citizens of Manchester and Salford gave ~~the~~ ^{a new life boat} to Mumbles; a lifeboat worthy of the men that Mumbles gave the sea.

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 It was a day of sad news for Mrs. Davies, whose husband Gilbert died at sea in a ~~tragedy~~ ~~tragedy~~ by wrecked. Mousing a fine new craft that does eight knots and stays at sea 200 miles and fishermen's fathers were ~~deceased~~ in the April tragedy.