

Reading together.

William Bradford's account of the journey:

“So, they put to sea again with a prosperous wind, which continued several days together, which was some encouragement unto them; yet according to the usual manner many were afflicted with seasickness.”

“After they had enjoyed fair winds and weather, they encountered many times, crosswinds, and met with many fierce storms, with which the ship was thoroughly shaken, and her upper works made very leaky.”

“But in examining of all opinions, the master and others affirmed they knew the ship to be strong and firm underwater ... And as for the decks and upper works they would caulk them as well as they could.”

“So they committed themselves to the will of God, and resolved to proceed. In many of these storms the winds were so fierce, and the seas so high, as they could not bear a knot of sail, but were forced to heave to [face into the wind to stop the ship], for many days together.”

“...after long beating at sea they fell with that land which is called Cape Cod: they were not a little joyful!”

“Being thus arrived in a good harbour and brought safe to land, they fell upon their knees and blessed the God of heaven, who had brought them over the vast and furious ocean, and delivered them from all the perils and miseries thereof.”