Thor Heyerdahl's mother

Thor Heyerdahl, a stolid
and quiet
Norwegian, had these
ideas

which he wanted
to
verify – so he built himself a raft
of balsa wood

in the manner
of the ancient
Incas, he wanted to sail
across

the ocean. Not many people thought
he was going to make it
but his mother
thought

so, she sent
a telegram: Let us know
when
you get there. And he got there.

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