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The currents want to pull you down The bottom is empty, invisible Where is the shore Oh I can't see it anymore Feeling so tired, have to keep floating The bottom is so far away The shore is so far away The finish line is out of sight I won't give up without a fight It's such a long swim The waves are coming at full force And even though I thrash about It only makes it worse I only get more tired

Have I gotten out so far I don't know where the boat docks are And the moon just laughs at me A sickle in a cotton veil Will I make it through this gale It's such a long swim It's such a long swim, it's such a long swim It's such a long swim, it's such a long swim

I was standing on a pier Was it very far from here Nothing but the water sounds And if I had it in a glass I could drink it down and laugh I would laugh and drink it down The water is so pure tonight It brings you life yet makes you drown The fish must be laughing

I have seen the boats of steel I have used a fishing reel I am bobbing like a cork In this never-ending dark

I am soaked from toe to chin I will not let the water in Is there any use at all To fight against this heavy tide Will it take me in its stride It's such a long swim It's such a long swim, it's such a long swim

I was sitting in the sand Waves were tumbling with the wind They pulled him out They pulled him in The stretcher brought him back again The sirens let the swimmers know Not to wrestle undertoes It's such a long swim

And now there is no sign of land

The breakers are behind me now Splashing in a hopeless flow Far above the muddy sand

Will I dry off on the rocks Will I ever see the docks The beacons must have all burnt out I am flooded with this doubt It's such a long swim

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