

Sandman's Song

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Hello there sandman,
won't you come in sit yourself down?
Hey hey there sandman,
I know you've been working downtown.
I don't mind you keeping me waiting,
Won't be long before the dawn is breaking,
C'mon sandman it's very quiet.
C'mon sandman you stay the night.
We'll wake up in the broad daylight.
I dreamed I was walkin' I went steppin' beside the sea,
When suddenly a stranger he came following after me.
He caught me up he says help me if you can,
For I work on the beach I'm the punch and judy man
Every night when 'fore I go home*,
I realize I'm not alone,
There's voices in the sea colored lights in the foam.
We walked together and I formulated a plan,
And I said just wait there,
I fetched the family photograph man.
Told him the words the puppeteer had said,
And he answered he thought it the boat of the dead.
So we waited til the dark,

we saw a silver moonlit arc,
Beneath it sailed a shining bark.
Out on the tideline, strange singing voices we heard,
So like some color, or the flight of a golden bird,
Fine rainfall drifted from the sky,
And the golden bark with her cargo sailed by.
We waited on the land, we were dancing hand in hand,
Wheeling across the shining sand.
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