

# The Mermaid

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I once went fishin and I caught a mermaid  
Told that she was neptunes daughter  
I could probuck for a buck and a quarter  
Sold them a pen for writing under  
The water  
Water backing

ship ahoy ship ahoy backing

So I told her pappy  
That we could be happy  
Pappy said listen here you bounder  
You can na keep her just cause you founder  
She is engaged to a very wealthy flounder

flounder backing

ship ahoy ship ahoy backin

Begged her to marry she didn't tarry  
I slipped the finger upon flipper we sailed away on a yankee flipper  
Soon we were blessed with an eight bouncing dipper

dipper backing  
ship ahoy ship ahoy backing

Thought her shy one but she was a sly one  
First I thing knew she took to swinging  
Slippin around and never caring  
Cuddlin with every Tom and Dick Harry  
Harry backing  
ship ahoy ship ahoy backing

She got slyer and no one a liar  
Spare all maloon or gin and splurgin  
Liken a face without no urgin  
Specially when she said she was a sturger  
sturger backing

So I learned my lesson and now I'm confessin  
I'm ain't gonna miss that mermaid squawkin  
She no ain't no good for walkin  
Who needs the half that's always busy  
Talkin  
Talkin backing  
ship ahoy  
ship ahoy ship ahoy ship ahoy ship ahoy backing