

# Maggie and Milly and Molly and May

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Maggie and Milly and Molly and May  
Went down to the beach (to play one day)

And Maggie discovered a shell that sang  
So sweetly she couldn't remember her troubles, and

Milly befriended a stranded star  
Whose rays five languid fingers were;

And Molly was chased by a horrible thing  
Which raced sideways while blowing bubbles: and

May came home with a smooth round stone  
As small as a world and as large as alone.

For whatever we lose (like a you or a me)  
It's always ourselves we find in the sea