Octopus

The Handsome Family

The octopus has 3 hearts
And lives in caves below the sea
Or in a beer can or a bath tub
Or a puddle in the street

Any fisherman can tell you When an octopus waves its arms It hypnotizes schools of fish All movement stops for miles

Even the waves stand still All the witnesses have sworn And it's impossible to resist The urge to jump overboard

That's why I try and stay away From seashore holidays

But I know that no one has to know If I take an evening stroll Down to the end of the wooden peer Where the water's deep and cold

If I should see an octopus Lift its arms out of the sea Or see its shadow rising up Cross the rooftops above the streets

I'd follow those dancing limbs
To the spinning edge of the sky
Where all the boats fall off the world
Into the octopus's eye

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