

## *The MERMAID*

IT WAS [G] FRIDAY [EM] MORN WHEN [C] WE SET [G] SAIL  
AND WE [C] WERE NOT [D] FAR FROM THE [G] LAND  
WHEN OUR [G] CAPTAIN HE [EM] SPIED A [C] MERMAID SO [G] FAIR  
WITH A [C] COMB AND A [D] GLASS IN HER [G] HAND!

*AND THE [G] OCEAN [C] WAVES DO [G] ROLL,  
AND THE [EM] STORMY [C] WINDS DO [D] BLOW,  
AND [G] WE POOR SAILORS ARE [C] SKIPPING AT THE [G] TOP  
WHILE THE [C] LANDLUBBERS [D] LIE  
DOWN BE- [G] LOW, BELOW, BE- [EM] LOW  
WHILE THE [C] LANDLUBBERS [D] LIE DOWN BE- [G] LOW!*

THEN UP SPOKE THE CAPTAIN OF OUR GALLANT SHIP,  
AND A WELL-SPOKEN MAN WAS HE;  
"I HAVE LEFT A LOVING WIFE DOWN IN DEAR OLD FALMOUTH TOWN,  
AND TONIGHT SHE A WIDOW WILL BE ..."

THEN UP SPOKE THE COOK OF OUR GALLANT SHIP,  
AND A GREASY OLD COOKIE WAS HE:  
"I CARE MUCH MORE FOR MY KETTLES AND MY POTS  
THAN I DO FOR THE BOTTOM OF THE SEA..."

AND UP SPOKE THE BOSUN OF OUR GALLANT SHIP  
AND A SALTY OLD BOSUN WAS HE  
"IT'S A REAL DIRTY SHAME THAT MY RIGGING AND MY GEAR  
WILL WIND UP AT THE BOTTOM OF THE SEA"

THEN UP SPOKE THE CABIN BOY OF OUR GALLANT SHIP,  
AND A SENSITIVE YOUNG MAN WAS HE;  
"I HAVE MANY FRIENDS IN DEAR OLD PROVINCETOWN,  
BUT THEY DON'T SEEM TO CARE TOO MUCH FOR ME ..."

THEN THREE TIMES AROUND WENT OUR GALLANT SHIP,  
AND THREE TIMES AROUND WENT SHE:  
AND THE THIRD TIME THAT SHE WENT AROUND  
SHE SANK TO THE BOTTOM OF THE SEA!