

## ***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!**