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### THE MERMAID AND THE OCTOPUS.

There was a mermaid beneath the sea,  
By her papa was kept in a locked abyss—  
Yet in spite of the cruel old merman, she  
Fell deeply in love with an octopus—  
A slimy, grimy octopus!  
A green, unrhymy octopus!  
The son of a terrible cuttle-fish!  
A quivering, shivering octopus.

He'd savage eyes and dreadful strength  
In his horrid beak that cocked up was—  
And tentacles thirty feet in length  
Surrounded this wonderful octopus!  
This mighty, bitey octopus!  
This snappish, fighty octopus!  
The son of a terrible cuttle-fish!  
A quivering, shivering octopus!

There wriggled in an electric eel—  
On the mermaid's lip he shocked a buss!  
Said she: "The magnetic thrill I feel,  
But you'd better look out for my octopus!  
He's a frightful, spiteful octopus!  
Yet a most delightful octopus!  
The son of a terrible cuttle-fish!  
A quivering, shivering octopus!

Quoth she to her nurse, an old mermaid,  
"Although the old man locked up us,  
A way I know, and I'm not afraid  
To escape to my darling octopus!  
My beautiful, dutiful octopus!  
And a very suitable octopus!  
The son of a terrible cuttle-fish!  
A quivering, shivering octopus!

She called a cyclone, that in Broadway  
I'm certain would surely have knocked a bus,  
But it only carried her, sulky, away,  
So she might elope with the octopus!  
"Audacious, rapacious octopus!"  
Cried the nurse. "Oh, good gracious! octopus!  
A quivering, shivering octopus!"

And now in their weedy coral bed  
They lie in *dulcissimis noctibus*—  
At night she's embraced, and in daytime fed  
By the numerous arms of her octopus!  
A curious, furious octopus!  
A quite injurious octopus!  
The son of a terrible cuttle-fish!  
A quivering, shivering octopus!





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