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## The Mermaid Song

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**From:** *Going for Brogue: Irish Pub Songs and Sea Shanties with an Accent*

*words and music Traditional*

Twas Friday morn when we set sail  
 And we were not far from the land  
 When the captain, he spied a lovely mermaid  
 With a comb and a glass in her hand

O the ocean's waves will roll  
 And the stormy winds will blow  
 While we poor sailors go skipping to the top  
 And the landlubbers lie down below (below, below)  
 And the landlubbers lie down below

Then up spoke the captain of our gallant ship,  
 And a brave old man was he,  
 He said, "This fishy mermaid has warned me of our doom:  
 We shall sink to the bottom of the sea!" chorus

And up spoke the mate of our gallant ship  
 And a well-spoken man was he  
 I have me a wife in Salem by the sea  
 And tonight she a widow will be

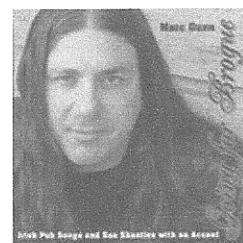
And up spoke the cookie of our gallant ship  
 And a red hot cookie was he  
 Saying I care much more for my pots and my pans  
 Than I do for the bottom of the sea

Then up spoke the cabinboy, of our gallant ship  
 And a nasty little lad was he.  
 I'm not quite sure I can spell "mermaid"  
 But I'm going to the bottom of the sea.

Then up spoke the cannibal who snuck aboard our ship  
 And a hungry mad invader was he  
 You can drown right now beneath the cold ocean waves  
 Or you can be dinner for three, your choice

Then up spoke the parrot of our gallant ship  
 And a smartarse parrot was she  
 Brawk, you're going to drown, your going to drown, Brawk  
 And flew to the shore for her safety

Then three times around went our gallant ship  
 And three times around went she  
 Three times around went our gallant ship  
 And she sank to the bottom of the sea



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