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When a mermaid winks Look for a shower Children at the seashore Splashing by the hour See rain coming Soaked as they can get Cry, 'Quick! Duck under So you don't get wet!' 22

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If I could breathe beneath the sea, Half person and half fish, I'd dive down till I found a coral door And in I'd swish To swim through weedy canyons And find the hall of stone Where Neptune rules the oceans From his dolphin-guarded throne. 3.1

Richard Edwards