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Rain coming

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!'

Ashley Bryan



Mermaid

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.

Richard Edwards