

The Mermaid

O 'twas on the broad Atlantic 'mid the equinoctial gales,
That a young fellow fell overboard among the sharks and whales.
And down he went like a streak of light, so quickly down went he,
Until he came to a mermaid at the bottom of the deep blue sea.

Chorus

*Singing Rule Britannia, Britannia rule the waves
Britons never never never shall be
Married to a mermaid
At the bottom of the deep blue sea*

She raised herself on her beautiful tail and gave him her soft white
hand,
“I’ve long been waiting for you my dear, now welcome safe to land.
Go back to your mess mates for the last time and tell them all from
me,
That you’re married to a mermaid at the bottom of the deep blue sea.”

We sent a boat to look for him expecting to find a corpse,
When he came up with a bang and a shout and a voice sepulchrally
hoarse.

“My comrades and my mess mates, oh do not look for me
For I’m married to a mermaid at the bottom of the deep blue sea.”

The anchor was weighed and the sails unfurled and the ship was
sailing free,
When we went to our captain and our tale we told to he
The captain went to the old ship’s side and out loud bellowed he
“Be as happy as you can with your wife me man at the bottom of the
deep blue sea”