

## The Little Mermaid

Tempest-tossed  
a ship at sea  
was bound ere long to flounder.  
When all was lost  
a mermaid, she  
saved a sailor, glad he'd found her.

In order short  
she risked her life  
that she might once again be with him.  
She gave her tongue  
and lovely voice,  
hoping charm alone might lift him.

In human form  
she came ashore  
and tried in vain to win his love.  
Although intrigued,  
he was betrothed  
to one he shared a history of.

Mermaid's sisters  
brought a knife,  
a sea-witch blade to end his life,  
and break the  
binding spell that held this land-locked strife.

Instead she dove  
into the sea  
because too much she cared.  
Her form dissolved  
into the foam.  
Hence she became a daughter of the air.