

"IF I WERE A FISH and Other Ocean Songs for Kids"

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1. CLICKETY-CLACK

I am a dolphin of the ocean blue
And I have a song I want to sing for you.
It's about the ways I communicate.
The song has sounds I hope you'll help me make.

Chorus

Click, Click, Clickety-Clack.
I send a sound and it bounces back.
Echoes in my mind, helps me see
What's up ahead in the deep blue sea.

Click, Click. Whistle and Squawk.
It's just the way that a dolphin talks.
I call my friends so we can play
In a fun-loving dolphin way. (Clicking sounds)

Swimming, swimming oh so gracefully.
Fishing for some food to give us energy.
We leap high. We dive deep.
We whistle and we squeak.
We communicate and echolocate with . . . **(to Chorus)**

I am a dolphin of the ocean blue and now I'd love to hear some sounds from you.
You can click and squeal just like me. Pretend you're a dolphin playing in the sea!

Instrumental and dolphin sounds

I call my friends so we can play in a fun loving dolphin way,
In a fun loving dolphin way, in a fun loving dolphin way.

2. OXFORD THE OCTOPUS

He's Oxford the Octopus, proud to be an octopus.
Friends say he's a smart fellow.
He can change his colors when he's happy or mad
To red, black or yellow.

Chorus

**Oo-wee, ga-zoo-wee, He's Oxford the Octopus.
Octo-oo-wee, octo-goo-wee, He's Oxford the Octopus.**

Well Octo means eight, and that's really great.
He's an eight-armed invertebrate, oo-wee!

He's Oxford the Octopus, proud to be an Octopus.
So many things that he can do
With his eight long arms and suction cups.
He climbs, creeps, crawls and catches food.

Chorus

**Oo-wee, ga-zoo-wee, He's Oxford the Octopus.
Octo-oo-wee, octo-goo-wee, He's Oxford the Octopus.**

He didn't go to college, but he has a lot of knowledge.
For living in the sea, he's as clever as can be!

He's Oxford the Octopus, proud to be an octopus
And smarter than most people think.
He can be any shape he wants, squeeze in between the rocks,
Or disappear . . . in a cloud of ink.

Chorus

**Oo-wee, ga-zoo-wee, He's Oxford the Octopus.
Octo-oo-wee, octo-goo-wee, He's Oxford the Octopus.**

**Oo-wee, ga-zoo-wee, He's Oxford the Octopus.
Octo-oo-wee, octo-goo-wee, He's Oxford the Octopus.
He's Oxford the Octopus. He's Oxford the Octopus.**

3. IF I WERE A FISH

If I were a fish swimming in the coral reef,
I'd flash my fancy colors at the sun whose light shines down on me.
And I would thank the sun that warms the creatures of the sea
And helps to grow the algae and the coral life that feed the fish.

Chorus:

All day I'd swim and sway to the rhythm of the ocean waves.
And nibble on seaweed treats that are so good to eat.
And if I saw a hungry shark, I might hide behind a rock
Or blend into the underwater world of many colors.

If I were a fish I would love to be in school with other fish
A lot like me and move together through the sea.
And when I needed rest, I'd hang out in a coral cave
Or hitch a free ride on a sea turtle that is my friend.

To Chorus

If I were a fish I would share the reef with octopus,
Anemones, sponges, worms, sea horses and much more.
And every one of us would be different from each other, oh but
We would learn to live together in our oceanic world home.

To Chorus

And if I had a wish it would be that people everywhere
Protect the coral reef and keep the ocean water clean.
So that fish like me can have a chance to be alive and raise a family
In our beautiful world under the sea. That's what I'd wish,
If I were a fish . . . If I were a fish.

4. PINNIPED PARADE

Come to the pinniped parade with me.
There'll be beautiful fin-footed friends to see.
All dressed in their finest furs and whiskers all cleaned.
They'll be seals from around the world, walruses from icy seas.
And when the music starts to play, the sea lions take the lead.

First they'll march on the land to a rhythm of their own.
The sea lions flippers keep them upright and tall.
Seals scoot like caterpillars trying not to fall.
The walruses look for clams, squirting water in the sand.
Then they walk on all four feet while everybody's flippers keep the beat.

Chorus

**Hear the sea lions barking . . . Hear the pretty seals burping . . .
Hear the walruses singing . . .
It's the cutest, noisiest, most slippery parade in town.**

Now we'll watch the parade as it marches through the sea.
The pinniped friends swimming fast and gracefully.
It's a beautiful, acrobatic underwater scene.
Dancers of ocean deep. Playing, diving . . . what a treat!
And when it's time to take a nap, they slide upon the shore and just relax.

Chorus

**Hear the sea lions barking . . . Hear the pretty seals burping . . .
Hear the walruses singing . . .
It's the cutest, noisiest, most slippery parade in town.
It's the cutest, noisiest, most slippery parade in town. The pinniped parade!**

Won't you join in the pinniped parade with me?
You can be a playful sea lion, walrus or seal.
Talking to your friends many different kinds of sounds.
Barking loud, barking soft, chicken sounds, burps and coughs.
Now it's time to join the fun and move to the beat with everyone.

Marching and Chorus

Be a sea lion barking . . . Be a pretty seal burping . . .
Be a walrus singing . . .

It's the cutest, noisiest, most slippery parade in town!
It's the cutest, noisiest, most slippery parade in town!

5. THE TIDE POOL SONG

Chorus

I wonder what I'll see in the tide pool today.
What might crawl by or swim my way.
It could be purple, red, orange, brown or green.
There's so much going on in the tide pool scene.

I never knew everything was so alive.
Even tiny shells have living things inside.
I better walk so gently, treat it with care,
So the tide pool life will always be there.

Pointy urchins, hermit crabs and sea anemones
Are my friends I visit when the tide is low. Oh, oh
I think I'll make a wish upon a sea star fish
And hope that it comes true. Oo oo oo oo.

(to Chorus)

Did you know that some of the ocean animals
Hide under rocks and shells so they do not dry up in the sun?
I think that's pretty smart of them. I guess I'll leave the shells alone,
After all it is their home. Oh, oh. oh . . .

(to Chorus)

6. HERE WE GO

Chorus

Here we go, go, go.

Wish us luck, luck, luck.

As we make our way across the sand to the sea.

We've just hatched, hatched, hatched.

From our eggs, eggs, eggs.

And the ocean water world is where we need to be.

We are baby sea turtles. We've been growing in our eggs

That our mother laid in a nest in the warm, dry sand.

And now that all of us are hatched it's time to begin

To dash together to the sea to have our first swim.

(to Chorus)

When we scramble to the sea in the middle of the night,

We find our way with the help of the moon and starlight.

It's our first big adventure since we've left our turtle nest.

And we must find a safe place in the sea before we rest.

(to Chorus)

If we are lucky we will grow up in the sea

Eating tiny shrimp, sea jellies and seaweed.

And maybe one day some of us will find our way back

To lay our own eggs on this beach where we were hatched.

(to Chorus)

7. MIGRATION

Migration. Migration. My, my, my, how far those gray whales go! (2x)

There is a place in Baja, Mexico... where the water is warm and the gray whales go
To give birth to babies in the wintertime...And to get there they have to
swim...6000 miles!

Migration. Migration. My, my, my, how far those gray whales go!

First they spend summer in the cold North Sea,
In Alaska where there's lots to eat.
And when the days get shorter and their bellies get full,
They begin to swim fast as they can... to Mexico.

Migration. Migration. My, my, my how far those gray whales go! (2x)

Spoken: And after swimming down the coast almost twenty hours a day, they finally arrive at the perfect place for a baby whale to be born: In three special lagoons in Baja, Mexico where the water is shallow and warm. And when the babies are born they are already about 15 feet long! And those mother gray whales, oh how they protect their babies! They keep them close to their sides at all times, they nurse the babies with their milk and they teach them and love them. It's a beautiful sight to see!

And when the babies are big enough it's time to go back to Alaska,
A long way from Mexico. So those amazing whales do it again.
They turn around and swim 6,000 miles!

Migration. Migration. My, my, my how far those gray whales go! (2x)

These whales are so amazing. They make the longest trip of any mammal alive.
Swimming and a-breeching, fluking and a-swimming
From Alaska to Mexico and back again!

Migration. Migration. My, my, my how far those gray whales go! (2x)
My, my my how far those gray whales go! (2x)

8. KELP FOREST DANCING

Have you ever seen a forest dancing
Like a kelp forest dances in the sea?
Dancing to the rhythm of the ocean
A fancy dancing forest of seaweed.

Chorus

**Slow dancing, swaying to the rhythm.
Hold fast to the bottom, and reach for the sun.
Slow kelp dancing, swaying to the rhythm.
Hold fast to the bottom, and reach for the sun.**

Kelp is a kind of seaweed
That holds onto a rock on the ocean floor.
And grows fast toward the sunlight,
Whipping back and forth as the ocean's roars. **(to Chorus)**

Well a kelp forest is a habitat
For fish and snails, worms and crabs.
And so many other creatures of the sea
Find food and shelter in the kelp community of diversity.

Have you ever seen a forest dancing
Like a kelp forest dances in the sea?
Dancing to the rhythm of the ocean
A fancy dancing forest of seaweed. **(to Chorus)**

9. FASCINATING SHARKS

I want to tell you 'bout my fascination with a fish that has a bad reputation.
I think this fish is misunderstood, so I tried to find out all that I could.
It's a top predator in the sea food chain, has many sizes, shapes, colors and names.
A mysterious creature with adapted features for hunting in the sea because it has
to eat. If you know the fish that I'm talking about,
Just say it out loud, just give it a shout.

1 2 3 4.. SHARKS! Sharks, sharks...

Chorus:

**Sharks, sharks. Sharks, sharks. Fascinating, quite amazing sharks, sharks.
Sharks, sharks. Sharks, sharks. Fascinating, quite amazing sharks, sharks,
Sharks, sharks.**

I'm wonderin,' what all the fuss is about with a fish that hardly ever bothers us.
So I went to the aquarium to try to look a shark right in the eye.
I saw tiger sharks, zebras, hammerheads too, pygmies, bulls, and
pointy snouted blues. The one with the silver tip, a curious dude...
Very sharp teeth for catching food. Magnificent creatures, sharks so fine, with
Sensitive snouts, a streamlined design.
Been here 400 million years or more. Well that's even older than a dinosaur!
I know you know who I'm talking about. Just say it out loud, just give it a shout!

1 2 3 4.. SHARKS! Sharks, sharks... **to Chorus**

It's true sharks have a powerful bite, but humans beings are not their food type.
But there is something that I do fear: It's that million of sharks are killed each
year . . . by those who don't understand their importance.
They think that all sharks are just a nuisance.
But sharks are doing their job in the sea. They actually help the fish stay healthy.
I say it's time that we started conserving ocean sharks that are deserving
Of our protection and respectin' . . . of our protection and respectin'.
I know you know who I'm talking about. Just say it out loud, just give it a shout!

1 2 3 4 ...SHARKS! Sharks, sharks. **to Chorus**

10. THE MOST INCREDIBLE SONGS

The most incredible songs I've ever heard
Come from the sea and they have no words.
They're the beautiful sounds of the humpback whales,
Singing their songs, telling their tales in oceans . . .
All around the world.

Can you hear them? What are they singing?
What are the messages that they're bringing?
To each other, to their young ones
And to all of us who hear them singing . . .
All around the world.

Some say these giants of the sea once lived on the land like you and me.
And more than fifty million years ago, they returned the ocean
And made it their home. Oh humpback whales my friends,
Do you sing the stories of Mother Earth?
Do your songs carry the memories of all that's happened in the sea?
Do you sing in a language that reminds us to care
For the ocean and the earth that we share?

The most incredible songs I've ever heard
Come from the sea and they have no words.
They're the beautiful sounds of the humpback whales
Singing their songs, telling their tales in oceans . . .
All around the world.

Instrumental and Whale Songs

Can you hear them? What are they singing?
What are the messages that they're bringing?
To each other, to their young ones
And to all of us who hear them singing . . .
All around the world.
In oceans . . . all around the world.

11. SEA OTTER GROOVIN'

Sea Otter is my name. Acrobatics are my game. I love to play for hours in the sea.
I'm a curious creature that's for sure, looking for fun off the shore.
That's me . . . Otter of the Sea.

Chorus

**So I keep movin' and groovin' . . . doing fancy swimming acrobatic swimming.
I'm graceful, long and sleek . . . Otter of the sea.**

If you don't mind me saying so, a sea otter knows where to go to find the best
Adventures in town. (Uh-huh). I turn and tumble with my friends.
I never want the games to end.
Oh wee! The sea is my playground! **(to Chorus)**

Sea Otter is my name, and I can even make a game of finding some food to eat.
(Mm, mm). I dive to the ocean floor for abalone, urchins, and sea stars . . .
Most delicious by far.

Well life has had its up and downs and it really makes an otter frown
To remember when we were hunted for our fur. (Oh, no!)
An endangered species we've become. But still we keep having fun
And we hope we're here to stay. Please help us be here to stay.

Chorus

**So we can keep movin' and groovin' . . .
Doing fancy swimming acrobatic swimming.
I'm graceful, long and sleek . . . Otter of the sea.
I'm graceful, long and sleek . . . Otter of the sea.**

12. SO BIG! BLUE WHALE!

So Big! (So Big!) Blue Whale! (Blue Whale!)

It's the biggest whale in the sea.

So Big! Blue Whale! It's the biggest whale in the sea.

How big is a blue whale? It's bigger than you or me.

Is it bigger than an elephant? Yes, oh yes-siree.

It's bigger than a tyrannosaurus rex. It's the largest animal that's ever lived.

Longer than a jet from head to tail. Well that's a mighty, mighty big whale!

So Big! Blue Whale! It's the biggest whale in the sea.

So Big! Blue Whale! It's the biggest whale in the sea.

How big is a blue whale? It's bigger than you or me.

Is it heavier than ninety-nine giraffes? Yes, oh yes-siree.

It's bigger than a tyrannosaurus Rex. It's the largest animal that's ever lived.

Longer than a jet from head to tail. Well that's a mighty, mighty big whale!

So Big! Blue Whale! It's the biggest whale in the sea.

So Big! Blue Whale! It's the biggest whale in the sea.

It's the super duper most gigantic baleen whale by far, with a heart as big as a small engine car. And with the largest lungs of any animal alive, it can blow air fifteen feet high in the sky. And not only is it big,

But it's the loudest animal around, with a low, rumble-like-a jet kind of sound.

And its tongue is so very enormously big, that fifty people

Could stand on it and dance the jig! That's SO...

So Big! Blue Whale! It's the biggest whale in the sea.

So Big! Blue Whale! It's the biggest whale in the sea.

How big is a blue whale? It's bigger than you or me.
Is it bigger than a dinosaur? Yes, oh yes-siree.
It's bigger than a tyrannosaurus rex. It's the largest animal that's ever lived.
Longer than a jet from head to tail. Well that's a mighty, mighty big whale!
It's bigger than a tyrannosaurus rex. It's the largest animal that's ever lived.
Here's to you blue whale, oh yeah. Blue Whale you tip the scale!

So Big! (So Big!) Blue Whale! (Blue Whale!) So Big!

13. KEEP THE OCEAN CLEAN

I asked my friends, the dolphins, what each of us could do
To help them survive another million years or two.
And the dolphins said:

Chorus

"Keep the ocean clean! That's the most important thing.

Please . . .

Pick your trash up off the beach.

Recycle your plastic bags.

Find out what pollutes the sea.

And ask your friends to help keep the ocean clean.

After all, the ocean is our home," said:

(my friends the dolphins) (the fascinating sharks, oh yeah)

After the all the ocean is our home.

I asked the fascinating sharks what each of us could do
To help them survive another million years or two.
And the pointy snouted blue and the hammerhead too said:
"You know what to do, you know what to do.
You know what to do!" **(to Chorus)**

"Imagine," said the sea turtle, "That you're as hungry as can be."

Well a plastic bag floating by looks a lot like a sea jelly."

(And sea turtles love sea jellies!)

"But swallowing a plastic bag would be the end of me.

So please keep all kinds of plastic out of the sea."

"Keep...it...clean...please!"

Final Chorus

"Keep the ocean clean! That's the most important thing.

Please . . .

Pick your trash up off the beach.

Recycle your plastic bags.

Find out what pollutes the sea.

And ask your friends to help keep the ocean clean,

After all, the ocean is our home," said the hungry sea turtles.

**"After the all the ocean is our home," said the whales and
the fish and the sea otter and the tide pool creatures.**

**"After all, the ocean is our home," said the seals and
the sea lions and the walruses and Oxford the Octopus.**

**"After all, the ocean is our home.
After all, the ocean is our home."**