

CHILD OF THE SEA

Child of the sea you wonder free
On that fringe of the earth where the land meets the sea
Nimble your feet over pebble and rock
With a smudge on your nose and a tear in your frock

Called by a voice none other can hear
A faraway look and a heart free from fear
Alone and apart you explore and you roam
With sublime disregard when it's time to go home

The rock pools attract you a moment or two
But Gods wide Atlantic is calling to you
Swift as a dryad you fling off your clothes
And enter wild water with a flash of your toes

Wildest of elements breaks o'er your head
Great foaming breakers would break you instead
Laughing defiance you plunge and you dive
This watcher is fearful that you won't survive

But child of one greater than any on earth
On crest of great wave as if sea gives you birth
Streaming and steaming you rise from the tide
Your laughter rings out as by warm sun you're dried

Off again wandering clothes trailed behind
You slowly remember and dress then you find
Another loved treasure there high on the cliff
Higher you scramble while I am scared stiff

Weary and anxious I go on my way
Yet somehow there's comfort in seeing your play
As if some great mystery watches and guides you
All powerful love walks protecting beside you.