

The sea

I am the sea
I wash all shores on earth
I am the sea
All continents I girth.
I hide a thousand secrets from the land,
I hide uncouneted graves, each one unplanned.

I am the sea
Home to creatures great and small
I am the sea
The whale the shrimp my children all.
A thousand metres deep my children play,
Each one survives to be another's prey.

I am the sea
Come splash in my warm waves
I am the sea
Forget those ancient graves.
To-day I am deceiving gentle mild,
Come mother trust me with your little child.

I am the sea
Whipped up by wind and storms
I am the sea
Unleashed the fury of my wildest forms
Gave birth to Earth's first life; and at her end
I'll lap her wounded shores, her one true friend.

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