

Mermaid's Lament *(J. Meneely)*

As I combed my hair one day, where the river runs into the bay
There I chanced to cast my eye on a fisherman was passing by
I'd never seen his like before as he poled his boat along the shore
Whether or no he'd fish that day, he surely stole my heart away

CHORUS:

Aye yi Aye yi yi
Aye yi Aye yi
Aye yi Aye

I sang my sweetest song for him, sure my true love's heart to win
But as the morning passed to day, he made to sail his boat away
And if he'd heard my song at all he could fend the magic of my call
I know not just what charm he used, but it far surpassed all I could do

CHORUS

I've heard it said that mortal man is condemned to live upon the land
To pay the gods for sins long done when earth and sky were very young
And those who live beneath the sea are the better served to leave them be
But my poor heart was struck full sore at the thought of seeing him no
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CHORUS

I called upon the cold north wind to blow my true love back again
But as the waves began to rise, his simple boat it did capsize
My sisters say that it was me who tipped his boat into the sea
But if I did no tongue can tell, though I surely loved him much too well

CHORUS