

Dolphins

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Leaping in the air, swimming without a care
They are happy in the water, swishing with their tails
Playing acrobatic games while whistling out their names

Dolphins make some clicks to give themselves a fix
On where they are going, so they can find some fish
They often swim together like ten peas in a pod
And when there is a danger they slap their tails and nod

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Dolphins have a blowhole like porpoises and whales
These mammals need air just like us, they don't have fishy scales

Dolphins have their heroes (Rissos) like Pelorus Jack
Guiding ships to safety, remembering the past
There's the little Hector, rarest of them all
The Bottlenose has Flipper, Laughing out his call

But they must be careful of the lurking nets
They often try to help us and don't see us as a threat
We should try to help them and keep the oceans clean
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Crab

Walk like a crab, crawl like a crab, bury your body in the sand
Walk like a crab, crawl like a crab, In the ocean or on the land

Drumming with their legs on hard shell carapace
All 5000 kinds escaping just in time
Burrowing a cave for a place to stay
Always walk sideways when scurrying away

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Waving with their pincers to see who is the flincher
Standing up to fight, it's all for show tonight

Paddle 'til they're blue, kings and spiders too
Hermits find a shell, horseshoes have a tale to tell

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Snapping with their claws, doing deep knee crevice crawls
Going out tonight for dinner or a bite

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Sea Turtles

Sea turtles, green turtles, they return to their beaches fertile
After swimming around in circles, lay eggs in the sand

They move with great mystery, eating sea grass and sargassam weed
Guided by earth's magnetic field they come back each year
The mother turtle comes up on the shore, digs a hole for her eggs
Covered with sand they will incubate, sixty days will tell their fate

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A hundred or more dig out of the nest, they are tired but they can not rest
To the water baby turtles can escape, but seabirds and crabs await

They live over a hundred if they grow up strong
Only one in a thousand makes it for that long

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There are seven species, loggerheads and two ridleys
The hawksbill and the flatback, green and leatherback

Turtles keep the sea grass healthy for the fish
They have also been known to eat some jellyfish

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Shrimp or Prawn

Jumbo in the Gumbo, Jumpin' Jambalaya
Prawn, garlic, and chilli, shish kebobs on fire

We like to eat them whole on a plate or in a bowl
Crumbed or battered or in a cocktail
Wild from the ocean or a farm that raises them
In a tank or feeding on some plankton

Shrimp or prawn one is big and one sounds small
I can't taste the difference

Shrimp have little claws like lobsters only small
Prawns just don't have any
Prawn gills are branched, they shed their eggs and dance
Shrimp brood their eggs and swim backward

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They live on the bottom, feed in estuaries then
Return to the ocean and their rock pools
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Jellyfish

Wobble, wobble, wobble like a jellyfish, wobble, wobble, and catch the drift
Wobble, wobble, wobble like a jellyfish, floating on the ocean (under your umbrella)

Tentacles hang like ropes, umbrellas are made to float
Wandering the ocean tides, going for a ride
Brown and blue and pink and white, moon jelly is shining bright
Some of them have green protein, fluorescent, glowing, gleams

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There are 200 kinds of them, been around 400 million
Years have not done much to change their bodies or their range

By the shore where there's runoff they may come to feed
So the best thing that we can do is keep the water clean

The feed on prey the same as fish, medusas, jellies, cnidarias
They are known by all these names and wobble just the same

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Wobble, wobble, wobble like a jellyfish, floating on the ocean

Some are big and some are small, wash up on beaches near and far
Just so you don't find one of them in your bikini bottom

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Sea horses

Sea horses ride in a herd in shallow water all over the world
Sea horses swim with the tide so they don't get very tired

They like the number 35, that many species try to survive
Their little back fin propels them along 35 times and a second's gone
With a fin on the back of the head to steer you might think they have nothing else to fear
But they can't swim very well at all even at 35 centimeters tall

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They use their tails to anchor themselves to sea grass & coral & weeds as well
Food passes through them so quickly they must eat almost constantly

A sea horse will take only one mate during all of its life
We should salute the sea horses grace by learning not to pollute

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The male sea horse bears the unborn young & holds them in a pouch in front
Sea horses are unique like this, different from the other fish

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Seals

Flap your flippers as you slippery slide along the floor
It sure is cold in mating season so a lot of seals are kissin'

There may be ice around on the rocky ground
What a place to live and to give birth in
Then back to the sea to hunt for something fishy
Return again next year if they can make it here

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They swim alone or in a group called a colony
You can see fur seals sometimes on rocks when it's sunny
Many kinds are in the north plus eight southern species
Though man has made their lives precarious indeed

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The smallest is the Ringed, they watch out for polar bears
The biggest is the Elephant, the Harp tries to escape the hunt
The Weddell is a gentle giant and Orcas are said to like it
The Leopard is black-spotted, the fiercest predator of Antarctic

Waters, waters, seals are in the waters,
We don't often see them even though we're sharing
Waters, waters, with pups and sons and daughter
Think environmentally, love bio-diversity

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Sliding like a seal, diving for a meal
Holding their breath longer, some can go two hours
Flippers flap in water, on land more like a flopper
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Squid

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Squishy, giant Squid, so big no one knows if they just ate

Eight arms to wrap around a mighty big fish, to take it down
There are myths of them taking ships, makes you start to think, makes you start to blink

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Big eyes are seeing all, as big as a beach ball
They can see in the dark, night & day, the deep water way

They're not only big they're colossal, most of the fish are just morsels

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They stay all by their lonesome and swim by water propulsion
Quite a bod this cephalopod, makes you start to think, makes you start to blink

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It is the tallest mollusk, 10 to 20 metres across it
Ranging all around the ocean from the coldest depths to the surface temps

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Stingrays

Stingrays electrifying, stingrays you'd think they're flying
Like a bird underwater, stingrays

Eyes on top look around hardly making any sound
Move their bodies like a wave in the water of the bay
Flap their side wings like a bird, their body's flat and bendable
Moving sand so they can expose their prey

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Many have jaw teeth to crush, mollusks are their favorite munch
Not like a fish more like a shark you can almost see them spark
Electric sensors in their mouths locate prey that's roundabout
In the temperate shallow waters they stay

Stingrays can grow so very large & they have a tail with sharp, pointed barbs
That only is used when they sense a threat then they have a defense

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Gray on top to blend in to the ocean floors dark, murky hue
Some of them are venomous and big as any one of us
They like to sit on sandy bottoms 'specially when there are a lot of 'em
One is called an eagle ray and swims most of the day

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