

# Half Afloat

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I went down to the river today

Try to catch me a boat.

Captain's drunk and I hear him say

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"The ferry's only half afloat".

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But we pressed on to the other side,

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The ferryman just sat and prayed,

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But the river was fast, the river was wide

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And the ferryboat got swept away.

Pushing out on the ocean waves

In a vessel that lurches and leaks.

Drowning in the sea of gray

It's not the end that I would seek.

So, I looked out to the silver foam

Saw a mermaid looking at me.

Dive right in, I will take you home,

This is not a place that you should be.

Back on land, on a long sandy beach

My saviour, she is waving her tail

And out there on the vast rolling sea

The ferryman did onward sail

Drifted down to the end of the land

Sang the deep delta blues.

Castaway in the salt and the sand

It's not a fate that I would choose.

Heard the words as the captain sang

Sitting in the old ferryboat

"I am sailing to the promised land

In a tub that's only half afloat"

Boatman says, "We can sail today,

I'll take you to the promised land",

But that place is so far away

And I am not a travelling man.