

A Life On The Ocean Wave

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A life on the ocean wave,

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A home on the rolling deep,

Where the scattered waters rave,

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And the winds their revels keep.

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Like an eagle caged I pine

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On this dull unchanging shore,

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Oh give me the flashing brine,

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The spray and the tempest roar!

Once more on the deck I stand
Of my own swift-gliding craft,
Set sail! Farewell to the land,
The gale follows far abaft.
We shoot through the sparkling foam
Like an ocean bird set free,
Like the ocean bird, our home
We'll find far out on the sea.

The land is no longer in view,
The clouds have begun to frown,
But with a stout vessel and crew
We'll say, "Let the storm come down!
And the song of our heart shall be,
While the winds and the waters rave,
A life on the heaving sea,
A home on the bounding wave!