

I love the  
barbed element  
of your title.

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### The Sailor's Oath of Love

Come live with me and be my love,  
Instead of water, up above.  
Happiness <sup>is</sup> ~~would~~ sure to be found  
If you join me here on the ground.

My land is fertile, filled with plants,  
Filled with pleasant scents that enchant,  
And butterflies that flutter by  
Amongst the clouds of the clear sky.

My ship, Demeter's Love Affair,

⑨ That sails through Poseidon's salty air.

Can carry us from land to land  
To see the sights that are so grand.

Come see the way I live up here  
With seasons that change in the year.  
The snow that falls is like a dream.  
Your eyes glisten in the sun's beam.

No more will you eat fish my queen;  
The land has meat for your cuisine;  
Food tastes as heavenly as you  
For you deserve all of it too.

All of this could be yours and more  
If you'd be the one I adore.  
Then our love would have no such bounds  
We'd walk together on my grounds.

### The Wrath of the Mermaid's Trident

If it were possible for me  
To love man to any degree,  
Then I'd drink the potion for you  
To be with you as our love grew.

But love can fade as time goes by  
As do the plants that will soon die.  
Flies and bees can annoy and sting.  
The sky can fill with thunder's ring.

No need for your motors or ships.  
I swim land to land on my trips.  
On land there are no grander sights  
Than the underwater delights.

The water is better for me  
Because it stays the same degree.  
On earth it is too hot, too cold  
And you won't have my heart as sold.

My diet suits me fine down here.  
Food does not make me less austere.  
With my love you have yet to seek  
So give up your naïve technique.

But if you loved me for my traits  
And not for my beauty which rates  
Among the goddesses above  
Then can I be your only love.

excellent  
opposition -  
true to  
the nymph's  
reply?

your response  
is precise  
but the  
poem  
relates  
to the  
details.

Be more about  
capturing  
your punctuation.

clean  
syntax  
details!