



**The King
of the Southern Sea**

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S O the whale is free of the bound - less sea, He lives for a thou - sand

A O the whale is free of the bound - less sea, He lives for a thou - sand

T O the whale is free of the bound - less sea, He lives for a thou - sand

B O the whale is free of the bound - less sea, He lives for a thou - sand

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S years; He sinks to rest in the bil - low's breast, Nor the

A years; He sinks to rest in the bil - low's breast, Nor the

T years; He sinks to rest in the bil - low's breast, Nor the

B years; He sinks to rest in the bil - low's breast, Nor the



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S rough - est tem - pest fears. The howl - ing blast as it

A rough - est tem - pest fears. The howl - ing blast as it

T rough - est tem - pest fears. The howl - ing blast as it

B rough - est tem - pest fears. The howl - ing blast as it

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S hur - ries past Is mu - sic to lull him to sleep, And he

A hur - ries past Is mu - sic to lull him to sleep, And he

T hur - ries past Is mu - sic to lull him to sleep, And he

B hur - ries past Is mu - sic to lull him to sleep, And he

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S scat-ters the spray in his bois - t'rous play As he dash - es the king of the *rall.*

A scat-ters the spray in his bois - t'rous play As he dash - es the king of the *rall.*

T scat-ters the spray in his bois - t'rous play As he dash - es the king of the *rall.*

B scat-ters the spray in his bois - t'rous play As he dash - es the king of the *rall.*

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17 *a tempo*

S deep. O the rare old whale, 'mid storm and gale, In his

A deep. O the rare old whale, 'mid storm and gale, In his

T deep. O the rare old whale, 'mid storm and gale, In his

B deep. O the rare old whale, 'mid storm and gale, In his

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S o - cean home will be A gi - ant in might, where

A o - cean home will be A gi - ant in might, where

T o - cean home will be A gi - ant in might, where

B o - cean home will be A gi - ant in might, where

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S might is right, And the King of the bound - less sea!

A might is right, And the King of the bound - less sea!

T might is right, And the King of the bound - less sea!

B might is right, And the King of the bound - less sea!

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S O a won - drous tale would the rare old whale Of the might - y deep dis -

A O a won - drous tale would the rare old whale Of the might - y deep dis -

T O a won - drous tale would the rare old whale Of the might - y deep dis -

B O a won - drous tale would the rare old whale Of the might - y deep dis -

29 S close, Of the skele - ton forms, of by - gone storms, And of

A close, Of the skele - ton forms, of by - gone storms, And of

T close, Of the skele - ton forms, of by - gone storms, And of

B close, Of the skele - ton forms, of by - gone storms, And of

32 S treas - ures that no one knows. He has seen the crew, when the

A treas - ures that no one knows. He has seen the crew, when the

T treas - ures that no one knows. He has seen the crew, when the

B treas - ures that no one knows. He has seen the crew, when the

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S tem - pest blew, Drop down from the slip - per - y deck, While he's

A tem - pest blew, Drop down from the slip - per - y deck, While he's

T tem - pest blew, Drop down from the slip - per - y deck, While he's

B tem - pest blew, Drop down from the slip - per - y deck, While he's

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S shak - ing the tide from his glass - y side And sport - ing with o - cean and *rall.*

A shak - ing the tide from his glass - y side And sport - ing with o - cean and *rall.*

T shak - ing the tide from his glass - y side And sport - ing with o - cean and *rall.*

B shak - ing the tide from his glass - y side And sport - ing with o - cean and *rall.*

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S wreck. Then the rare old whale, 'mid storm and gale, In his *a tempo*

A wreck. Then the rare old whale, 'mid storm and gale, In his *a tempo*

T wreck. Then the rare old whale, 'mid storm and gale, In his *a tempo*

B wreck. Then the rare old whale, 'mid storm and gale, In his *a tempo*

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S o - cean_ home will_ be A gi - ant in might, where

A o - cean home will be A gi - ant in might, where

T o - cean home will be A gi - ant in might, where

B o - cean home will be A gi - ant in might, where

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S might_ is_ right, And the King of the bound - less sea!

A might is right, And the King of the bound - less sea!

T might is right, And the King of the bound - less sea!

B might is_ right, And the King of the bound - less sea!

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O the whale is free of the boundless sea,
 He lives for a thousand years;
 He sinks to rest in the billow's breast,
 Nor the roughest tempest fears.
 The howling blast as it hurries past
 Is music to lull him to sleep,
 And he scatters the spray in his boisterous play
 As he dashes the king of the deep.
 O the rare old whale, 'mid storm and gale,
 In his ocean home will be
 A giant in might, where might is right,
 And the King of the boundless sea!

O a wondrous tale would the rare old whale
 Of the mighty deep disclose,
 Of the skeleton forms, of bygone storms,
 And of treasures that no one knows.
 He has seen the crew, when the tempest blew,
 Drop down from the slippery deck,
 While he's shaking the tide from his glassy side
 And sporting with ocean and wreck.
 Then the rare old whale, 'mid storm and gale,
 In his ocean home will be
 A giant in might, where might is right,
 And the King of the boundless sea!

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Nathan James Sporle née Burnett (1812-1853) was born in Ipswich, England. He became a famous tenor vocalist and was a composer of songs and part-songs. He died in London.

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