The Sun Was Shining on the Sea

Ur "Through the Looking-Glass"


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sea was wet as wet could be, the sands were dry as dry. You could not see a

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cloud, because no cloud was in the sky; no birds were flying over-head; there

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were no birds to fly. 4. The Wal-rus and the Car- pen- ter were walk- ing close at
hand; they wept like anything to see such quantities of sand: "If this were only cleared away," they said, "it would be grand." 5."If seven maids with seven mops swept it for half a year, do you suppose," the Walrus said, "that..."
they could get it clear?" "I doubt it", said the Car-pen-ter, and shed a bit-ter
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tear. 6. "O Oys-ters, come and walk with us!" the Wal-rus did be-seech. "A

plea-sant walk, a plea-sant talk, a-long the bri-ny beach: we can-not do with

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more than four, to give a hand to each." 7. The eldest Oyster looked at him, but
gave a hand to each."

never a word he said; the eldest Oyster winked his eye, and shook his heavy

head: meaning to say he did not choose to leave the Oyster-bed. 8. But
four young Oysters hurried up, all eager for the treat: their coats were brushed, their faces washed, their shoes were clean and neat; and this was odd, because, you know, they had n't any feet. Four other Oysters followed them, and yet another had n't any feet.

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ve-ni-ent-ly low: and all the lit-tle Oys-ters stood and wa-i-ted in a

row. 11."The time has come", the Wa-rus said, "to talk of ma-ny things: of

shoes, and ships, and sea-ling-wax, of cab-ba-ges, and kings; and why the sea is

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boiling hot, and whether pigs have wings." 12. "But wait a bit," the Oysts cried, "be-

fore we have our chat; for some of us are out of breath, and all of us are

fat!" "No hurry!" said the Carpenter. They thanked him much for that. 13."A

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"After such kindness, that would be a dismal thing to do!"

"The night is fine", the Walrus said. "Do you admire the view?"

"You to come! And you are very nice!"

The Carpenter said nothing but:

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"Cut us another slice: I wish you were not quite so deaf; I've had to ask you twice!"

16. "It seems a shame", the Walrus said, "to play them such a trick, after we've brought them out so far, and made them trot so quick!" The Carpenter said

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no-thing but: "The butter's spread too thick!" 17."I weep for you," the Wal-rus said, "I deep-ly sympa-thize." With sobs and tears he sor-ted out those of the lar-gest size, holding his poc-ket-hand-ker-chief be-fore his stream-ing eyes. 18."O
Oysters," said the Carpenter, "you've had a pleasant run! Shall we be trotting home again?" But answer came there none; and this was scarcely odd, because they'd eaten everyone.