

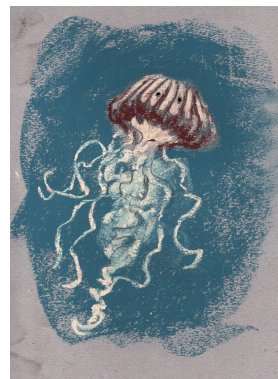
Synopsis

A lion sits on the beach at dusk. He roars and roars all night and wakes up the ocean. The creatures of the sea are terrified as panic spreads down through the waves and then right up to the moon. The sea world is destroyed by noise and no-one gets any sleep. Dawn breaks at last and the sun soothes the lion to stop roaring. The ocean crowds around angrily, but the lion starts to cry and confesses he was only shouting because he was alone. The entire ocean bursts out laughing because it's ridiculous - You are never alone - All of the world is everyone's home. The Lion makes friends with the sea and they all fall asleep in the sun for a well deserved nap... but then he starts snoring.



1 It was dark on the beach, when the lion reached the shore
And he stared at the blue, scuffed the sand with his paw.
He padded through the shadows and climbed a great stone
And he sat like a statue, wide awake and alone.
The Sea whispered sleepily, the Moon dozed up high,
And Stars lay like dust across the grey velvet sky,
A breeze sighed the seagrass in a soft lullaby
And the world was all snoozing as the nighttime rolled by....Snnnozzzzze....

2 The lion's claws gripped the weeds, sharp as knives they dug deep
And he watched the quiet sea as it sighed in it's sleep.
He loomed in the gloom, like a monster of old
And stared into the dark with eyes that shone gold.
While gentle waves lapped and crabs snored on the shore,
The lion threw back his head and groaned a low rrrrroar...
Then he shouted out loud from his slippery rock
And through the sleeping sea world ran a terrible shock...ROOOOAAAAAARRRRRRRRRR!

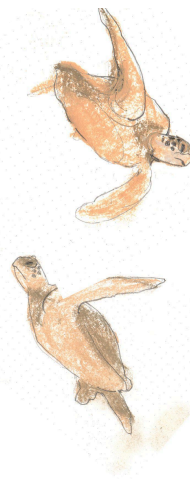


Flustered fishes woke up and were shaking with dread,
It's a Land Kraken! They bubbled, We'll be squished into soup!
And they swam quick for the depths in a shimmering troupe.
'A Shouting Shark Monster! 'the tiny sea urchins cried,

3 The roar shook the ground, waves and sand shifted round
And soon all the crabs' bedrooms had turned upside down!
It's a Sand Stealer! A Crab Crusher! A Giant Fisherman Clown!
And they headed for the sea in a scrum of sad frowns...
Waves reached up the rock, White horses jumped high
Spray showered the lion, like salt tears from the sky
Soon it steamed of his mane, as he roared the air dry,
He cried louder and louder, as the dark clouds rolled by... RRRRRROOOOAAAARRRRRR!!

Now jittered awake, feeling spikey inside,
'We must make for the deep, where the whales drift and sleep
Gentle giants will save us from this noisy loud creep! ...Grummmmbbbbllleeeegrerrr....

5 So the whole Reef climbed down to what depths they did dare
And the fishes and jellies swam down far from the air



But Deeper and deeper delved the rumbling sound,
Folding wave after wave,
tumbling turtles around
Now the whale woke up from her happy sea dreaming...

4 And under the water, seaweed tangled like threads,

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Dawn peeped over water, sudden bursts of sunlight
Soon the colours warmed to day, stars faded from sight,

The messy tired sea was a restless blue brood
And all of the creatures were in a terrible mood!
Sun stroked the big cat, like a friendly warm hand
till he lay panting and thirsty, a quiet rug on the sand...

And now he was still and the silence rolled out...
All the angry sea creatures drew in close to shout

.....HEY YOU!!

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'You're a bad cat!' They called and the waves
seemed to sigh

'No sleep with your wailing! We're so tired!' They
cried

Now all of the ocean growled and moaned and
complained,

the lion opened his mouth to roar once again...

'Please don't!' Squeaked a crab who crawled up
nearby

And she scuttled up brave, looked him right in the
eye

'You've squished up my bedroom, my mum is dead
scared-

The whole salty world is churned up in despair!
Sssssssssssssssssssssssssssssshhhhhhhh!



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And the tiny red crab saw the golden eyes crease
As tears dripped slow from the eyes of beast
Lion looked away sadly, put his head on his paws,
' I'm sorry' He whispered through his great shaking
jaws

'But why were you shouting?' The little crab asked
And the lion's face cracked like a crumpled up mask
'...Because I was Alone!' He cried in a blustery rush
And the sea fell, the sand fell, the breeze fell to hush...

.....HUUUUSSSSSHHHHHH.....

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And little by little the sea started to laugh
Crab chuckled, jelly jiggled, starfish bent in half
Because tired as they were, they all knew it was
true-

There's Always a Million of Us Here with You!
You are Never Alone! Giggled gulls from the sky
And sun smiled so wide, his tears started to dry
As the lion looked round at his sleepy sea friends
he felt a warm tickle at the night's crazy end...

.....Rahahahahahhaarrrrr....

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And soon all of the creatures were shaking with
laughter,

The whales chuckled too, at the news they heard
after,

Of King cat's crazy dream that he was here all
alone!...

When All of the World is Everyone's Home.

The sun smoothed his fur, and the sea lapped his
paws

Till he had talked all day with new friends on the
shores

And he promised them all he would Never Night
Roar

So they lay down at last, sweet sleep snoozing for
sure...

...But just as they dropped off, then he started to...

SNOOOOOOOOOOOORRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRR!!!!



(END OF POEM)