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**R**IGHT here by the water  
They call Zuyder Zee,  
Little Greta and Peter,  
Two children, we see,  
Whose home is the cottage  
So cosy and wee.



Their father was kind,  
And their mother was sweet;  
She tripped to and fro  
With such fast flying feet  
To keep the wee cottage  
So clean and so neat.



Far out on the water,  
So wide and so blue,  
Their father went sailing  
Quite all the day through  
To bring home fresh fish,  
As all fishermen do.

“Little Greta and Peter,  
Help mother today,”  
Said father, and kissed them  
And then sailed away;  
“When the work is all done  
Is the best time for play.”

“Come, children,” cried mother,  
“The fire’s burning low,  
The oven grows cold  
And the pot bubbles slow,  
So bring me some firewood;  
Pray make haste to go.”



So Greta and Peter,  
At mother's command,  
Went here and went there  
Seeking wood, hand in hand,  
But fell sound asleep,  
After while, on the sand.



And while they were dreaming,  
Oh my, and ah me,  
They cried: "Mother, wait,  
Such a queer boat we see,  
The queerest that ever  
Sailed on Zuyder Zee."

And then, in a dream,  
They pushed out from the shore  
In a little bark boat  
With the tiniest oar,  
And thought of the firewood  
And mother no more.





The waves bore them far  
On the blue Zuyder Zee,  
Till they hailed the queer boat  
They had sailed out to see,  
The most wonderful, wonderful  
Boat that could be.



For it glittered like gold,  
Like a great golden shoe,  
And the sea-nymphs it bore,  
And mermaids for a crew,  
Hailed Greta and Peter  
As children they knew.

Cried Greta and Peter:  
"We came out to see  
The Queen of the Mermaids;  
Please tell us if she  
Sails not this queer boat  
On the blue Zuyder Zee."

Then forth came the queen  
With sea-spray in her hair,  
And kissed them both kindly  
And welcomed them there,  
And off they set sail  
For Good Luck Land so fair.



"Please, what is Good Luck Land,  
And where may it be?"  
Cried Greta and Peter,  
"And what will we see?"  
"Tis down," said the queen,  
"In the blue Zuyder Zee."

Then down sank the boat  
At the mermaid's command,  
Down, down through the water  
To reach Good Luck Land,  
And they all stepped ashore  
On a beach of white sand.

Through pink coral forests  
The Queen Mermaid led,  
And showed them pearl oysters  
Asleep in their bed,  
And little sea horses,  
Some white and some red.



And when it grew dark  
All the star-fish came out,  
Like stars in the night time,  
And shone all about,  
While jolly sea urchins  
Would chatter and shout.

“See, Greta and Peter,”  
The Queen Mermaid said,  
“How the pearl oyster works  
Over there in his bed,  
And the star-fish shine bright  
In the sea overhead.

That’s why it’s Good Luck Land,  
For each does his share,  
So each one has plenty  
Of play time to spare.”  
And then the Queen Mermaid  
Quite vanished in air.



“Why, Greta, why, Peter!”  
Again mother’s cry  
They heard, and waked up  
On the warm sand and dry  
To see the sun shining  
Far up in the sky.

Then off for the firewood  
They scampered away;  
“For if we do our share,  
As we should, every day,”  
Said Greta, “dear mother  
Will have time for play.”





“Why, Greta, why, Peter!”  
Cried mother that day,  
“So long were you gone,  
Tell me, where did you stray?”  
“We’ve been in Good Luck Land,  
Dear mother,” said they.



“And, mother, we’ve learned  
There is time and to spare  
For you and for us,  
And for folks everywhere,  
As there is in Good Luck Land  
If each does his share.”

The End.





