

Let The Mermaids Flirt With Me

(Written by Mississippi John Hurt.)

(C) Blues all **(G)** on the **(C)** ocean,
(F) Blues all in the **(C)** air
(F) Can't stay here no **(C)** longer,
I **(D)** have no steamship **(G)** fare.

When my **(C)** earthly **(G)** trials are **(C)** over
Cast my **(F)** body out in the **(C)** sea
(F) Save on the under**(C)**taker's bill
Let the **(G)** mermaids flirt with **(C)** me!

I **(C)** do not **(G)** work for **(C)** pleasure
Earthly **(F)** peace I'll see no **(C)** more;
The **(F)** only reason I **(C)** work at all
Is to **(D)** drive the wolf from my **(G)** door.

(chorus)

My **(C)** wife con**(G)**trols our **(C)** happy home
My **(F)** sweetheart I cannot **(C)** find.
The **(F)** only thing I can **(C)** call my own
Is a **(D)** troubled and a worried **(G)** mind

(chorus)

(C) Blues all **(G)** in my **(C)** body;
My **(F)** darlin' has forsaken **(C)** me.
If I **(F)** ever see her **(C)** face again,
Have to **(D)** swim across the **(G)** sea.

(chorus)

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