

Then, as she gazes out one day,
she sees to her surprise,
a mermaid dive into the sea
from rocks that lie nearby.



“Swim with me,” the mermaid calls,
“through swirling, whirling tides,
to where your Granny’s stories are,
and many more besides.”



And now Alina knows for sure
that Granny’s tales were true.
So, as the mermaid beckons . . .

... brave Alina dives in too.

She follows close behind,
breathing water just like air,
plunging deep below the waves
to hidden worlds down there.

Through tangled seaweed forests ...



... and splendid coral reefs,
past shipwrecked ancient treasure
left by long-gone pirate chiefs.

