

The Mermaid of Ontario by Pat Dailey &
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Oh, the Mermaid of Ontario

E A

Had long green stringy hair-e-o

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And a seaweed gown to wear-e-o

E A

But she had no one to marry-o

Now the Mermaid of Ontario

Loved a big mouth bass named Larry-o

Who lived in Lake St. Clair-o

Under the St. Clair ferry-o

Now the Mermaid of Ontario

Sent a seagull emissary-o

To ask that big bass Larry-o

If he'd consent to marry-o

“Oh no, no, no!” said Larry-o

“My life I will not share-e-o

I'd rather play solitarie-e-o

Sit around in my underwear-e-o

E A

Read books from the fish library-o

He said, “You're so ordinary-o

And I'm extraordinary-e-o

And I dress so debonair-e-o

I've a fine vocabulary-o

E A

I learned from the fish dictionary-o

“Before I'd marry you, I'd marry-o
A Guernsey cow from the dairy-o

Or eat a poison berry-o
And wind up with fish dysentery-o.”

That poor Mermaid of Ontario
It was more than she could bear-e-o
So she cried for a day then she swam away
With a yuppie little guppie named Gary-o

Now they're a happy pair-e-o
Cause he's a millionaire-e-o
On his yacht in Lake St. Clair-e-o
They cuddle in a cozy chair-e-o
E A
And listen to his underwater stereo

And that big mouth bass named Larry-o
Married a cow from the dairy-o
She fed him a poison berry-o
And he wound up in the fishes' cemetery-o