

At the Bottom of the Sea *-traditional, from Denmark*

The image shows a musical score for the song 'At the Bottom of the Sea'. It consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics 'At the bot - tom of the sea, all the fish are'. The second staff contains 'swim - ming, here and there and eve - ry - where,'. The third staff contains 'oh, *Ar - thur, Ar - thur we love you.' The asterisk indicates a specific instruction for the 'Arthur' part of the song.

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Formation: Children scattered crouching on floor, waving hands like seaweed (and singing the song). Lead child is 'fish', 'swimming' (walking with hands together in front like a fish) amongst the seaweed. At 'Ooooooh..' stop walking and lean down to face a child on the floor, then say their name: 'Arthur, Arthur (or whatever their name is) we love you'. Then that seaweed child stands and becomes part of fish by holding on to the shoulders of the lead fish. Continue repeating the song, singing to, and picking up, a new child each time through, until all are attached. Last time: '...everybody, everybody we love you.'

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