

The Great Silkie - Trad.

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An earthly maiden sits and sings; and aye, she sings, "Ba lily wean!  
G D C D C D  
Little ken I, of my bairn's father, far less the land in where he be."

Then one arose at her bedside, and a grim-faced man, indeed, was he,  
G D C D C D  
Saying, "Here am I, thy bairn's father, though I be not handsome unto thee."

"I am a man upon the land, but I am a silkie on the sea,  
G D C D C D  
And when I'm far, so far from land, I make my home in Sule Skerry."

"It was nae weel," quoth the maiden fair, "It was nae weel, indeed," quoth she,  
G D C D C D  
"For the Great Silkie of Sule Skerry should have come and given a bairn to me."

Now he has taken a purse of gold, and he has placed it on her knee,  
G D C D C D  
Saying, "Give to me my wee young son, and take this gold as thy nurse's fee."

"It shall come to pass, on a summer's day,  
C D  
when the sun shines hot on every stone,  
G D C D C D  
That I will take my wee young son, and teach him for to swim the foam."

"And ye shall marry a gunner good, and a proud young gunner I'm sure he'll be,  
G D C D  
And the very first shot that e'er he shoots,  
C D  
shall kill both my young son and me."