

# By The Sad Sea Waves - song lyrics

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BY THE SAD SEA WAVES.

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In the glorious summer season ev'ry body takes a trip  
To the seaside for enjoyment, on the sands they gaily skip:  
Married men with wives and children, single Johnnies on the mash,  
Pretty girls who seek for husbands who have pockets full of cash.

Chorus.

By the sad sea waves, where the ladles are so charming,  
By the sad sea waves, in the glorious summer time;  
With their fetching smiles and dresses, rosy lips and golden tresses,  
Shady nooks and sly caresses, by the sad sea waves.

At a boarding-house in Newport, Percy Vere met Gladys Gray,  
Soon he showed his fond affection, took her driving ev'ry day;  
By his tone he seemed a marquis, she had jewels in galore,  
So they formed a love engagement, as they strolled along the shore.

Chorus.

By the sad sea waves, ev'ry night he took her strolling,  
By the sad sea waves, he would swear his heart was gone;  
She's the only girl he sings to. she's the girl he says nice things to,  
Promised lovely diamond rings to, by the sad sea waves.

When their holidays were over, and they had to say adieu,  
He to join his yacht at Brighton, she to join her papa, too;  
They agreed to write each other Billet Doudlets ev'ry day,  
And when he'd his mansion ready, they'd be married right away.

Chorus.

From the sad sea waves back to bus'ness in the morning,  
From the sad sea waves to his humble "five a week;"  
In a cook-shop he goes dashing who should bring his plate of hash in  
But the girl he had been mashing by the sad sea waves.