

**Fower and Twenty Mermaids**

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Fower and twenty mermaids,  
Wha left the port o Leith,  
Tae tempt the fine auld hermit,  
Wha dwelt upon Inchkeith.

Nae boat, nor waft, nor crayer,  
Nor craft had they, nor oars nor sails;  
Their lily hands were oars enough,  
Their tillers were their tails.

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