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Old Salt

By EDGAR DANIEL KRAMER

All of fifty years I've wandered
 Up an' down the Seven Seas
 From the howlin' arctic blizzards
 To the sun-kissed Celebes,
 But my heart was ever dreamin',
 As I journeyed east an' west,
 Of my turnin' from the waters,
 When I found a port of rest.

Now I'm settled in Snug Harbor,
 Old an' grizzled, with a peg,
 That has kept me navigatin'
 Since a shark nipped off my leg;
 But, though I have nifty quarters,
 Where I hear the waters roar,
 I've discovered that a seaman
 Can't find happiness ashore.

Which explains my bein' grouchy,
 When I should be satisfied,
 But I'm achin' to be sailin'
 In the ways I'm now denied,
 For I hear the waters callin',
 An' I'm knowin' in my bones
 That there ain't no rest for sailors,
 Till they sleep with Davy Jones.