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Oh woe to those who knew him,
this happy floppy fish.
A leap from home and out to me
Had served his dying wish.

A carefree lad, and wet was he
that gladly glubbed about.
A happy swim, a virile fin,
and food were he about.

All swathed in gold and violet
encircling 'round the bowl;
the prettiest jewel of the ocean
his sin: my heart he stole.

At this one fun'rais passing
we now may proudly gush
repent, lament, and say farewell
before old Sam goes flush.

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