

"WHO IS TO BLAME."

Lovely girls, with bras and mermaid tails;
Espy a squid, -- a red and angry sight
Aboard a dolphin, harpoon primed for whales,
Then see a ship, approaching from the right.

The mermaids, wave their frantic arms, but still
Are needing help, before that harpoon's fired,
Now hope the crew will stop a whaling kill
With dolphin freed, and red squid's life expired.

But oh! -- It's not to be; the picture fails
While mankind argues, -- others are to blame!
For science, research, they are killing whales,
So awful slaughter goes on just the same.

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