

The King of the Waves

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Preparation

One child is king. That child wears a crown and sits in the center of the circle with a treasure box in front of him/her. Over the treasure box is a blue silk with which the child makes waves at the appropriate time. Another child will be a swordfish. That child wears a finger-knitted shell pendant necklace and is gestured into the center at the appropriate time. All the other children sit in the circle and will be the clamshells.

The Game

The King of the Waves sat on his throne
With his treasure box safely locked,
Away, away among the blue waves.
While the king was sleeping,
Dreaming of pearls,
Dreaming of pearls.

Along came a swordfish and in a wink,
Quick as a blink,
He took the treasure away, away,
Away, away among the blue, blue waves.

The clamshells open up so wide. (*Their two hands make the shells.*)
He hid that treasure deep inside. (Swordfish places the treasure in one shell)
The clamshells shut themselves so tight,
No one could see the treasure bright.

Open your eyes, Ocean King, and see
Where, oh where, can your treasure be?
Where, oh where, can it be?
Here or there,
One, Two, Three.
Open the shells, let us see,
Where, oh where, can the treasure be?

After king guesses where his treasure is, the child with the treasure becomes the next king.