

## George The Fish Who Couldn't Swim (2:47 min)

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V1.

Out in the sea one bright sunny day  
A family of fish went out to play.  
When one of them suddenly started to sink  
And he flapped and he flopped and he struggled  
and he blinked.

**Chorus 1**

And he sank to the bottom, to the bottom of the sea  
And he coughed and he spluttered and he cried: "Poor  
me!"  
"Oh George!" cried Pappa, "you don't seem to float!  
But quick! There are people in the glass bottomed boat."

V2.

So the people they came, they pointed and  
stared  
'Twas the fish in the sea who really cared.  
No-one thought that a fish might drown  
They watched as George went down, down,  
down.

**Chorus 2**

And he sank to the bottom, to the bottom of the sea  
And he coughed and he spluttered and he cried: "Poor  
me!"  
"Oh George!" cried Pappa with a lump in his throat,  
"Those silly, silly people in the glass bottomed boat."

V3.

The fish they came from miles around  
From pools and streams right out of town.  
They bunched, they crowded, the sun shone  
bright  
When one of them shouted: "I've got George in  
my sight!"

**Chorus 3**

He had sunk to the middle, to the middle of the sea  
And he coughed and he spluttered and he cried: "Poor  
me!"  
"Oh George!" cried Pappa with a thought quite remote,  
"Let's ask the people in the glass bottomed boat."

V4.

So the fish, being schooled all for one, one for all  
Leapt out of the water in a mighty fish wall.  
The people in the boat in an action sublime  
Dropped into the water a weighted lifeline.

**Chorus 4**

And it sank to the middle, to the middle of the sea  
And it landed next to George and he cried: "Lucky me!"  
"Oh George!" cried Pappa with a wavering note  
And he smiled at the people in the glass bottomed boat."

V5.

George grabbed the line in his mouth so tight  
And he clung on with all his might.  
The fish they pushed and the people they pulled  
And up came George with his heart so full.

**Chorus 5**

And he stayed near the top, near the top of the sea.  
Pappa taught him to swim and he swims with glee.  
"Oh George!" cried Pappa, "on this happy, happy note  
Thank Neptune for the people in the glass bottomed boat."