DEPTH OF BEAUTY

Those of us who love the sea, enchanted by its majesty Who sail to horizons under the sun, where clear blue sky and sea are one Who troll for fish when seas are calm, the sound of a reel when fish are on Who pause along the ocean shore, to gaze at waves and hear their roar And as the day makes way for night, before the stars shine their light To watch the sun slip beneath the sea, then rise next dawn triumphantly But all this beauty we've come to know, exists above and not below Yet down within the sea of blue, God's hand has rendered beauty too For this is the realm of the ocean reef, precious to all for the life it keeps Coral and fish and crustaceans too, in endless sizes, shapes and hues A haven where new life begins each day, to replace what man has taken away Imagine how barren the sea would be, without the reefs and the life they breed

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