



Saltwater Grassflats

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Oh, the saltwater grassflats,
Where the clams and oysters roam,
Life is quite exciting -
In this underwater home!

The shrimp will eat the algae,
And the shrimp - the crab will find,
While the pelican and heron
Catch fish of every kind.

The shy strange looking stingray
Will swim into the blue,
Unless he thinks you'll harm him,
Then he'll stick his barb in you.

The pipefish is the only one
Who swims straight up, you see.
He's a cousin of the seahorse,
And as different as can be.

The puffer will eat anything
That comes his way, I fear,
But he blows up like a balloon
When bigger things come near.

Yes, the saltwater grassflats
Look as peaceful as can be,
But underneath the surface
There's a wealth of things to see.