

## **I Go Down To The Shore**

**By: Mary Oliver**

I go down to the shore in the morning  
and depending on the hour the waves  
are rolling in or moving out,  
and I say, oh, I am miserable,  
what shall—  
what should I do? And the sea says  
in its lovely voice:  
Excuse me, I have work to do.

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## **Diving Board**

**By: Shel Silverstein**

You've been up on that diving board  
Making sure that it's nice and straight.  
You've made sure that it's not too slick.  
You've made sure it can stand the weight.  
You've made sure that the spring is tight.  
You've made sure that the cloth won't slip.  
You've made sure that it bounces right,  
And that your toes can get a grip—  
And you've been up there since half past five  
Doin' everything...but DIVE.