

FISHER LID

Lyrics - Aliza Greenblat, music - folk

Aliza Greenblatt (1888 - 1975) was born in Azarenits, Bessarabia in the Podolia Governorate of the Russian Empire (present-day Ukraine). Many of her poems, which were widely published in the Yiddish press, were also set to music by composers including Abraham Ellstein and Solomon Golub and were recorded by Theodore Bikel and Sidor Belarsky, among others. Greenblatt published five volumes of Yiddish poetry and an autobiography in Yiddish, *Baym fentsṭer fun a lebn* (A Window on a Life Yiddish) and her works include such well-known Yiddish songs as Fisherlid, Amar Abaye and Du, Du.

Fort a fisher afn yam,
Er fort aroys baginen.
S'hoft der fisher minastam,
Fishelekh gefinen.

Gey ikh mir baym breg arum,
Un tu mayn kholem shpinen.
Efsher vel ikh ergets vu,
Mayn libstn nokh gefinen.

Murmlen khvalyes shtil far zikh,
Der yam iz a batribter.
Efsher iz er gor vi ikh,
Ovkhet a farlibter?

Kumt der fisher troyerik,
Er hot keyn fish gefangen.
Un ikh bin more-shkhoyredik:
A kholem iz fargangen.

A fisherman sails forth
On the sea at dawn
And hopes
To catch a fish.

I walk along the shore,
And spin my dream.
Perhaps somewhere
I will find my love.

The waves murmur softly,
The sea is sad.
Is the sea, perhaps, like me,
Also in love?

The fisherman returns,
He didn't catch any fish.
And I am too melancholy:
My dream is forgotten.

**פָּאָרֶט אַפִּישְׁׂעַר אֲוִיפָּן יִם,
עַד פָּאָרֶט אֲרוֹיס בְּאֲגִינְעָן.**
**ס' הָאָפָּט דֵּעַר פִּישְׁׂעַר מִין-הַ
פִּישְׁׂעַלְעָךְ גַּעֲפְּנָעָן.**

טרא לא לא לא....
גיא איך מיר ביים ברעג ארום,
און טו מײַן חלום שפינען,
אָפֿשָׁר וועל אִיךְ עֲרַגָּע ווֹ,
מײַן לִיבֶּסְטָן נָאֵךְ גַּעֲפִינָּעַן.

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מורתם עון כוֹאַלְיָעֵס שטיל פאר זיך
דעָר יִם אַיז אַבָּטְרִיבְטָעֶר,
אַפְּשָׁר אַיז עַר גָּאָר וְאַיד,
אוֹיךְ אַפְּאַלְיָעֶר ?

קומט דער פִּישֶׁר טְרוֹיְיעָרִיךְ,
עד האָט קֵין פִּישֶׁ גַּעֲפָאָנְגָעָן,
און אַיךְ בֵּין מְרָה- שְׁחוּרָהָדִיקְ,
אַחֲלָוּמָן אַיז פַּאֲרְגָּאָנְגָעָן.