

MARINELAND

The man dives
It is a complicated dive
Involving a somersault and tuck
And a fair degree of luck.
The surface of the pool unzips
And through he slips.
The audience applaud respectfully.

The man swims
Towards the bottom of the pool
Where there are carefully placed pearls
Laid by Ersatz native girls.
He brings them to the top, each one.
What fun! Well done!
The audience applaud politely.

The man tries
To rise up six feet from the pool
To where his trainer holds a rubber ring.
He cannot reach the thing –
Falls back into the water – beaten.
The trainer pockets his reward, uneaten.
The man slinks off to get dressed.
The audience
(Which is composed entirely of dolphins)
Is unimpressed.