

Proteus Turns Japanese

(Haiku Sequence)

Catch me as a fish.
When I have finished writhing,
Hear the news you wish.

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Catch me as a seal.
I'll feed you enough gossip
To make the prude reel.

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Catch me as a whale.
When I return to man-size,
I'll tell a tall tale.

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Catch my turtle shell.
I will write down recipes
Easy to cook well.

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Catch me by the tail
While I am a manta ray;
You will learn to sail.

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Catch me by the beak.
When I change from seagull form,
I'll tell jokes for weeks.

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Catch me as water.
I'll teach you true facts which range
From odd to odder.

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Catch me as a fire.
You'll learn the secrets of love
Only if I tire.