

# 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.