

Pirate Dunvegan's Escape from This Book



"I'm the King of the Ocean, and Lord of the Sea!
The dreaded Pirate Dunvegan be me!

My ship cuts the waves, like the blade of a knife
He's lucky, the man who escapes with his life!

Off the plank with the cook, for burning my meat!
To the sharks with the watchman, for taking my seat!

Off the..."

"Oi!" called a voice like the squeak of a gate
It was Cutlas, old Pirate Dunvegan's first mate

"What now?" roared the pirate king, "out with it, chum,
Is it mice in the mainsail? Or rats in the rum?"

"None of that," stammered Cutlas, "no word of a lie,
But there's huge kiddies heads floating high in the sky

"Up there," Cutlas pointed, "you must have a look
I'm afraid what it means is we're all in a book."

Dunvegan looked up, and to his surprise,
The heads of you kiddies near filled up the skies

"Great Snot!" cried the pirate, "We *are* in a book!"
"You're famous," said Cutlas, "just like Captain Hook!

Dunvegan grew quiet as he thought of his life
Was he real? Could he know? And what of his wife?

The spotty and dotty miss Lottie McGoo
"My lambchop is trapped inside a book too!"

The pirate, he raged, shook his fist in the air
And he yelled at you kids, like a grumpy au pair

"What do you miserable brats want from me?
Let me pirate in peace, close the book, let me be!"

But then from behind all you sweet girls and boys
That smelly old pirate, he spotted some toys

"Oh-ho!" said Dunvegan, "I see loot galore
Sweets by the bedside and toys on the floor!

I'm stuck in this book, but I promise you dears,
I'm as real as the wax in your pink little ears

I'll break through this page and I'll come for your loot
And your sweeties and baubles and knickknacks to boot!

Mount the ram! Fly the sail! To the oars with the crew!
Give me full speed ahead, there's a book to break through!

The ship, she gained speed, hit the page with a CRASH
"There's a hole!" cried Dunvegan, "a crack, and a gash!"

Them kiddies is squeelin', we'll get them, by Jove! Bilbao
Now backs to the oars, and more coal on the stove!"

Again boys, and faster, once more and we're in!
Them kids'll be sorry," he said with a grin.

But the pirate ship slowed to the pace of a snail
"What now?" roared Dunvegan, "No wind in the sail?"

"It's not that," Cutlas yelled, "it's them kids, they're too clever
they won't turn the page, we'll be stuck here forever!

The pirate king smiled and he batted his eye
"Oh, *do* turn the page, children, *don't* make me cry"

I was joking, of course, about stealing the toys
of you *brave* little girls and you *sweet* little boys

You, little one, turn the page, be a dear
It's grampy Dunvegan, there's nothing to fear!

[The last page shows fearsome Pirate Dunvegan's ship crashing through the page, loaded
with pirates, ready to pillage toys and candy.]

So if there's a truck you've not seen for a while
Or a dolly that's out of her place in the pile

If a sweet that went missing, turns up less a bite
Or the bath mat gets wet in the dead of the night

It could be your brother or uncle or mom
It might be your gran or your dog Bubblegum

But don't be surprised if you find that the crook
Is Pirate Dunvegan, who escaped from this book!