

# Sea Lion Woman

Informant/Performer:  
Katherine and Christine Shipp  
Byhalia, MS, 1939

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Sea \_\_\_\_\_ lion wo - man, See - lah

She \_\_\_\_\_ drink cof - fee, See - lah

She \_\_\_\_\_ drink tea, See - lah

And the gan - der lie, See - lah

\* this note sung slightly lower on recording

Transcribed by Gail Needleman

2. Way down yonder, See-lah  
'Hind the log, See-lah  
And the rooster crowed, See-lah  
And the gander lied, See-lah.  
(Repeat verse 1)

Additional verses from Nina Millen, *Children's Games from Many Lands*.

3. Way down yonder, See-lah  
About the sun, See-lah  
My momma called me, See-lah  
A sugar plum, See-lah.
4. Old Rabbit hip, See-lah  
Old Rabbit hop, See-lah  
Old Rabbit bit, See-lah  
My turnip top, See-lah.
5. If I live, See-lah  
To get twenty-one, See-lah  
I'm going to marry, See-lah  
Somebody's son, See-lah.
6. See that man, See-lah  
With the blue shirt on, See-lah  
You'd better leave, See-lah  
That man alone, See-lah.

Background Information

(from recording)

Katherine Shipp:

"I learned it when I was small too... a little puppy, really."

Christine Shipp:

"We sang this song when we were playing, we just sang it cause we wanted to have something to be saying; we didn't know much of anything to play, we just sang this song... there wasn't any action at all, we were just movin' around and jumpin' around from place to place."