THE MARINE INVERTEBRATES SONG

Way down hidden in the deep, cold ocean, Marine invertebrates roam; So many different kinds of locomotion, But none has a single bone. Phylum Porifera contains the sponges, They filter water through pores. Now we know they're in the animal kingdom, Don't call 'em plants no more!

Echinoderms are seashore treasures,
They've got spiny skins.
Have fun collecting starfish and sand dollars,
Don't step on spiny urchins!
The <u>Cnidarians</u> are hollow,
Coral, jellyfish, anemones.
Don't confuse the jellies with the comb-bearers,
The <u>Ctenophores</u> are comb jellies.

Phylum Mollusca has the squishy, soft bodies, Suction they use for tread.
The octopus and squid are called the Cephalopoda, That means their foot's their head!
Snails and slugs are Gastropoda,
They have "stomach feet."
Clams and oysters are Pelecypoda,
They're bivalves with "hatchet feet."

Segmented worms are phylum Annelida,
The tubes you see are theirs;
Cousins of the earthworms living in the ocean,
The Polychaetes have many little hairs.
Plates are flat and so are flatworms,
Platyhelminthes they be.
All other worms are in the minor phyla,
Unique among the creatures of the sea.

That leaves only Phylum Arthropoda,
They've got jointed feet.
Lobsters, shrimp and crabs are class *Crustacea*;
They're a special treat to eat.
And the class *Chelicerata*Is the horseshoe crab.
Now we're ready to discuss the creatures
In any ocean lab!





