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King Triton  
Ariel  
Flounder

SEBASTIA

Now, thanks to you, I'm the laughing stock of the  
*(The Mersisters erupt in a chorus of overlapping p*

ATINA, ARI

We gave up a date with a whale of a guy -

AQUATA

**start**  
I don't sing backup for anybody -

ADELLA

Mama loved me best, but she's gone -

KING TRITON

DO YOU MIND?!?

*(The Mersisters hastily exit. King Triton is finally alone with his youngest and speaks tenderly.)*

Ariel. Please. You've been given such a gift...

ARIEL

I know - my mother's voice.

KING TRITON

It's a wondrous talent, one that demands stewardship and care. So please. Ariel.

*(raises Ariel's chin so that her eyes meet his)*

For the sake of her memory -

ARIEL

I will, Daddy. I promise.

*(Ariel embraces King Triton.)*

FLOUNDER

*(unable to keep silent any longer)*

It wasn't even Ariel's fault! That know-it-all seagull started goin' on and on -

KING TRITON

Seagull? Seagull!

*(really angry now)*

You went up to the surface again?

ARIEL

*(guilty)*

Nothing happened.

## KING TRITON

You could've been seen by one of those barbarians! One of those humans!

## ARIEL

Daddy, they're not barbarians!

## KING TRITON

They're dangerous — traps and harpoons!

*(softening for an instant)*

Like it or not, Ariel, you're my youngest. My baby! And so I worry about you the most —

## ARIEL

But I'm old enough to look after myself —

## KING TRITON

*(flaring again)*

As long as you live under my reef, you'll obey my rules!

## ARIEL

If you'd just listen to me for once —

## KING TRITON

That's the last time you're ever swimming to the surface! Understood?

## ARIEL

You're so unfair!

*(Ariel bursts into tears and swims away, followed by Flounder.)*

## KING TRITON

*(a father's frustration)*

Agh! Heaven help me! She's headstrong! Willful! Stubborn as a barnacle —

## SEBASTIAN

Teenagers! Give 'em an inch, and they swim all over you.

Stop

#5 - If Only (Triton's Lament)

King Triton

## KING TRITON

I can govern a kingdom, but I can't control my own daughter. I was too harsh. She'll learn to fear me — I don't want that. She needs her mother, Sebastian. And so do I.

IF ONLY SHE WERE HERE,  
SHE'D KNOW JUST WHAT TO SAY.