

Victorian Squid

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Victorian squid is a delight
For all the family because
It's greasy and hot
When you've had lots
Then you'll want more
There's old H.G. Wells
Lying in bed
With his new housekeeper with
Hot squid by their side
Glowing with pride
Flushed with exhaustion
Victorian lungs
Victorian skin
Victorian tongues
Victorian sin
Victorian parks
Victorian moans
Victorians darkness
Victorian squid down on the beach
Is an embarrassment to
Respectable girls
Walking with pearls
And their fiances
"Oh, Edward my love
Is that a squid?"
"Yes, I fear so, my pet
But, pray, leave it alone
Let us go home
And take some cocoa."
Victorian arms
Victorian legs
Victorian charms
Victorian eggs
Victorian boys
Victorian girls
Victorian darkness
Every night our
Voices meet in
Darkness
Clicking feet on
Hollow streets the
Fanlight falls a-
Cross the city
Onto me and
Mistress Kitty
Pray that someone
Breaches her be-
Tween the walnut
And the fur to
Where she keeps her
Real secret
Hid
She's a Victorian squid