

## THE LITTLE MERMAID SYNOPSIS

Out on the sea, Prince Eric hears a mysterious voice. ("Fathoms Below"). Far beneath the waves, the crab Sebastian has prepared a concert featuring King Triton's youngest girl, Ariel ("Daughters of Triton"), but she has gone to the surface with her best friend, Flounder. Once there, Scuttle the seagull explains the human treasures Ariel has found ("Human Stuff"). Meanwhile, the sea witch Ursula plots to regain power from King Triton using Ariel as bait. King Triton scolds Ariel for going to the surface and makes Sebastian follow her everywhere. Ariel swims to her secret cave, full of human treasures she has collected, and dreams of living on land ("Part of Your World"). When Sebastian finds her he explains why living under the sea is better than living on land ("Under the Sea"). Distracted by the shadow of a great ship, Ariel swims to the surface. Suddenly, lightning strikes the ship, sending Prince Eric overboard ("The Storm"). Ariel brings the unconscious prince to shore ("Part of Your World – Reprise"). Back underwater, the Mersisters realize Ariel is in love ("She's in Love"). After discovering Ariel's love for the prince, King Triton destroys all of her precious objects. Flotsam and Jetsam find Ariel in despair and lure her to the sea witch's lair. Ursula offers to change Ariel into a human in exchange for her voice ("Poor Unfortunate Souls"). Prince Eric must kiss her within three days or Ariel will turn back into a mermaid and become Ursula's slave. After accepting this deal Prince Eric finds Ariel washed ashore and brings her to the palace. Sebastian follows Ariel but finds himself in the dangerous kitchen of Chef Louis ("Les Poissons"). Ariel's silence prompts Prince Eric to find other ways to "talk", like dancing ("One Step Closer"). On the second day, Sebastian calls on his friends to sing to the couple ("Kiss the Girl"), but the witch's eels, Flotsam and Jetsam blocks their kiss. On the third day Grimsby holds a singing contest to find the owner of the mysterious voice and thus a bride for Prince Eric. But when Ariel dances, Prince Eric realizes he loves her. However, the sun sets, turning Ariel back into a mermaid. Sebastian warns King Triton who, in a sacrifice of love, hands over his trident and takes Ariel's place as Ursula's slave ("Poor Unfortunate Souls"). Ursula tries to harness the power of the sea with the trident but creates a whirlpool that destroys her and the eels, and Ariel's voice returns. Ariel gives the trident to her father who realizes how much Ariel cares for Prince Eric. Using the trident to give her legs He gently puts her on shore, and Prince Eric rushes up realizing that it has been her voice all along ("Part of Your World - Finale").