

Penny Learns to Swim



Characters

Penny Penguin	Penny's Mom Paige	Penny's Dad Patrick	
Penny's Sister Patty Penguin	Penelope Puffer Fish	Betty Beluga	
Dolly Dolphin	Stingray Steve	Eddie Eel	Tony Turtle
Shelly Starfish	Baby Seal	Claudia Clownfish	Suzy Shark
Shawn Shark	Tina Tuna	Katie Crab	
Wally Walrus	Sherry Shrimp	Annie Angelfish	
Bobbie Sue Blue Tang			

- Betty Beluga:** Hello everyone, I am Betty Beluga and I am here to tell you about learning to swim. One day at the Shedd Aquarium a baby Penguin was born. Her parents named her Penny.
- Stingray Steve:** But Penny had a hard time learning how to swim like her older sister Patty Penguin. Not all fish can glide like me Stingray Steve. *(Steve glides around)*
- Dolly Dolphin:** But Stingray Steve, not all animals can do tricks like me. I am Dolly Dolphin and I can wow an audience with my show. Look at me. *(Dolly swims up and does tricks)*
- Eddie Eel:** But none of you can do what I can do. I can make electricity. *(Eddie lights up)*
- Claudia Clownfish:** Oh stop showing off Eddie Eel. People come here to watch me swim because I am so pretty. *(Claudia swims around)*
- Tony Turtle:** I think you are wrong Claudia Clownfish, people really come here to watch me. Everyone wants to see the turtle swim. *(Tony slowly swims around)*
- Shelly Starfish:** All of you are crazy if you think the people are here to see you. Everyone knows that the Starfish are the stars of the show. I am just too cute for anyone to pass by. And besides Tony Turtle you

are so slow by the time you come out the people are gone. (*Shelly walks out in front of Tony*)

Baby Seal: I am cute too. Everyone likes to look at baby Seals. (*She splashes around*)

Wally Walrus: I might not be as cute as Baby Seal but I can sing. I know the words to every Beatle's song that was ever made.

Bobbie Sue Blue Tang: Hey, I think I can remember words to songs too.

Baby Seal: Really Bobbie Sue Blue Tang? You are so smart. Sing for us.

(Wally and Bobbie Sue sing the Beatles song: "She loves you, Yeah, Yeah, Yeah, She loves you Yeah, Yeah, Yeah with a love like that you know you should be glad")

Sherry Shrimp: Hold on here, I am the one who goes around cleaning up after all of you. Every time the doors open and the people come out to see us, it is clean because I was up all night cleaning. I am tired of doing this all by myself here.

Annie Angelfish: Oh all right Sherry Shrimp; you are right the others will have to help you.

Katie Crab: Wait a minute Annie Angelfish why can't you help too.

Annie Angelfish: Oh well I might mess up my fins. Besides Katie Crab, you can help clean up too because you are really good at that.

(*Everyone starts arguing with each other about how they are too busy to clean*)

Betty Beluga: (Yelling) All right everyone quiet down now. I am here to tell you that people come to the Shedd to see all of us here. That means we all have to swim around and show our special talents to the people. So that means we have to work together to get Penny Penguin to swim with the rest of us.

Stingray Steve: But Penny does not swim as well as her sister Patty does.

Dolly Dolphin: It does not matter Stingray Steve, Penny Penguin is a part of this show too and she has to be in it with the rest of us.

Eddie Eel: Betty Beluga is right. We have to try to help Penny.

Katie Crab: I would love to help Penny swim. I can teach her how to clean too.

Claudia Clownfish: But what can we do to help? I have never tried to teach a Penguin how to swim before.

Tony Turtle: I think she needs to start out real slow.

Shelly Starfish: Or she can just do what I do and crawl around and look pretty.

Bobbie Sue Blue Tang: Well I think that we just need to be here for Penny and let her know that she has lots of friends.

Penelope Puffer Fish: Oh No Look, here comes Shawn and Suzy shark with Tina Tuna.

Bobbie Sue Blue Tang: Don't get scared Penelope, you might blow up.

Dolly Dolphin: And here comes Penny Penguin with her sister Patty, her mom Paige and her dad Patrick.

Shawn Shark: Hey everybody, Suzy and Tina and I were wondering what's going on?

Suzy Shark: Why does everyone always look worried when we come around?

Tina Tuna: I thought we settled this, the sharks agreed not to eat anything that is on display in the tanks. That means you are all safe.

Betty Beluga: We know Tina Tuna, and that means you are safe from the sharks too. We are worried about Penny Penguin.

Suzy Shark: What about Penny Penguin, why does she look so sad?

Penny Penguin: I just don't want to swim. (Very sad)

Patrick Penguin: All penguins swim Penny.

Paige Penguin: Don't you want to look like your big sister Patty?

Penny Penguin: I just don't think I would like it. (Still very sad)

Patty Penguin: How do you know, you didn't even try. You just flap your fins. It is easy look. *(Patty dives in the water and swims around)*

Patrick, Paige, & Patty: *(All say together)* Come on Penny, you can trust us, swim. *(All of the other Penguins dive in too and swim but they splash and Penny does not like it.)*

Penny Penguin: Stop splashing! The water is too cold.

Penelope Puffer Fish: Penny, don't feel scared. You have waterproof feathers that will protect you from getting cold.

(Shawn, Suzy, and Tina swim up to Penny)

Shawn Shark: Come on Penny, jump, you will never do it until you try. All your friends and family are here for you.

All of the other fish say "Come on Penny, jump, Come on Penny jump, Come on Penny jump"

Penny jumps in and starts to swim, and finds out she loves it

Penny: You were all right, it is great. I love it!

Betty Beluga: Hurry everyone, their here, the people are here to watch us swim.

All of the fish begin to swim around.

Tina Tuna: Everybody smile they are going to take our picture.

Shelly Starfish: How do I look?

Everyone freezes and stand still.

All fish say "Cheeeeeese"

The End

Cast List for play: *Penny Learns to Swim*
Mrs. McGraw-Carpenter's Class

1) Maddie Gartell	Shelly Starfish
2) Verinica Gebbia (Nica)	Betty Beluga
3) Genna Gower	Tina Tuna
4) Kendel Graham	Dolly Dolphin
5) Eva Gross	Baby Seal
6) Kylee Heck	Patty Penguin
7) Drake Hergenraeder	Tony Turtle
8) Nya Jencks	Penny Penguin
9) Zade Labadi	Wally Walrus
10) Ciera Lizer	Katie Crab
11) Bryson Lovell	Eddie Eel
12) Jamisan Matalonis	Sherry Shrimp
13) Elayna Pionto	Claudia Clownfish
14) Owen Pionto	Stingray Steve
15) Kallie Siebrasse	Suzy Shark
16) Evan Thompson	Patrick Penguin
17) Angelina Toto	Annie Angelfish
18) Annie Tyrell	Shawn Shark
19) Maya Wallace	Penelope Puffer Fish
20) Paige Walk	Paige Penguin
21) Hannah Yetter	Bobby Sue Blue Tang

Baby Beluga

by Raffi and Debi Pike

Baby Beluga in the deep blue sea,
Swim so wild and you swim so free.
Heaven above, and the sea below,
And a little white whale on the go.

Baby beluga, baby Beluga, is the water warm?
Is your mama home with you, so happy.

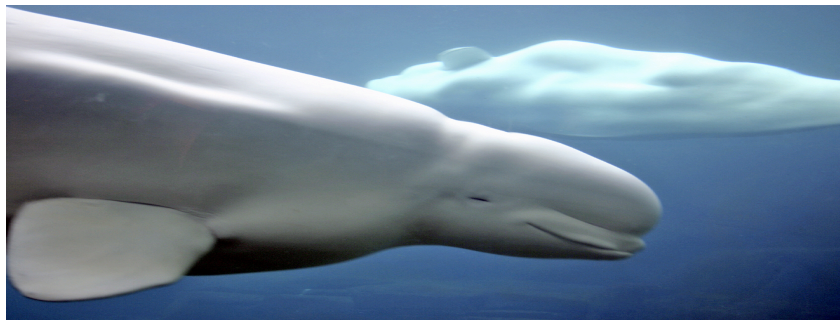
Way down yonder where the dolphins play,
Where they dive and splash all day,
The waves roll in and the waves roll out,
See the water squirting out of your spout.

Baby beluga, OOOH baby Beluga, sing your little song,
Sing for all your friends, we like to hear you.

When it's dark, you're home and fed,
Curl up snug in your water bed.
Moon is shining and the stars are out,
Good night, little whale, goodnight.

Baby beluga, OOOH baby Beluga, with tomorrow's sun,
Another day's begun, you'll soon be waking.

Baby Beluga in the deep blue sea,
Swim so wild and you swim so free.
Heaven above and the sea below,
And a little white whale on the go.
You're just a little white whale on the go!



(Despite these wonderful lyrics, baby beluga whales are not really white. The young are slate-grey to reddish-brown which changes to blue-grey at 2 years of age.)