**SIDE 2**

**ARIEL**

And now let me see... what did Scuttle call this one? Is it a ditty-whumper? A thumb-doodle? Whatever it is... Prince Eric held it in his own strong, beautiful human hands   
  
*(An enraged KING TRITON bursts in.)*

**KING TRITON**

Ariel!  
  
*(taken aback by the collection of human stuff)*  
  
What is all this?!?

**ARIEL**

Daddy, they re my 

**KING TRITON**

Human junk!

**ARIEL**

No, treasures!

**KING TRITON**

Did you save a human from drowning?

**ARIEL**

He would ve died!

**KING TRITON**

That savage brute could have killed you! And it s my job to keep you safe from harm.

**ARIEL**

But he didn t frighten me. He made me feel... wonderful! Besides, I am not a child anymore!

**KING TRITON**

No? Well, you are certainly talking like one. He s a human you re a mermaid.

**ARIEL**

It doesn t matter you don t understand! I wish mother were here!

**KING TRITON**

*(takes a moment to recover from the low blow)*  
  
Ariel, I miss your mother just as much as you do. But I am still the king. And you are not to go to the surface ever again. Am I clear?!?  
  
*(KING TRITON pauses for a moment of regret.)*  
  
I m just trying to protect her, Sebastian.