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### **The Sailing Postman**

Snail mail travels across the slimy floor.  
But nothing can beat the postman  
rowing across the oceans connecting  
lands. For he waves at whales and  
stops on magical islands during gales.

One island was the back of a creature  
called the snarefellowgus. The postman  
slept on the ground. As he snored, the  
snarefellowgus woke up. No one knew,  
who was more surprised for the creature  
in fright took a dive. The postman woke  
amidst the waves. Dolphins rescued  
him and his mail from a watery grave.  
He rode, like Neptune, on their backs  
till they neared land after many months.

From then, we know the snail mail  
is faster than the postman on a canoe  
waving at whales, riding dolphins and  
upsetting the rare snarefellowgus!  
I ask you is it fair to get mail this late?

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