

Island Numbers

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4. lust the landlord's daughter
8. an island hidden in the sound holds treasure
15. readying his bayonet
wading through the tall reeds and muddy waters
he spies an organ
16. the sailor caresses the carved wood
wondering its existence
he makes chords hang in the air
23. this will be her treasure
no curse can stop when lust turns to love
there will be no wailing lament in the port
42. loading it on his ship
he secures it in a hatch
setting his sails for hearth and heart
but waves raise high and crash
sailor and sound sink to the ocean floor
and Penny remains a lonely landlubber
sorrow fills the silence

