

# 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

