

IF PERSONIFIED.

If wears a jaunty hat and smiles,
"It may never happen you know."
If favours colours, bows and ties
and dances, his face all aglow.

If had a childhood bleak and gray,
and grew to be a strong fellow
he doted upon brilliant blooms
of magenta, orange and yellow.

If lived in a country town up north
where the weather was always warm
and the ocean spilt turquoise waves
into places where rock pools form.

If saw men fishing from the rocks
when a giant wave swallowed one.
If only he'd learnt to swim, oh dear,
gasping, he started to run

away from the dangerous cliff face
screaming for help to come soon,
as strong men with ropes arrived
to rescue the man from his doom.

If jettisoned his hat and his ties
assuming a serious demeanor
life was not all butterflies but
something sadder and meaner.

He thought seriously of studying
to become a helpful being
yet the pull of uncertainty had
him want to consider fleeing.

Where is the solution to if or how
or when life's journey seems right?
Laughter and pain occur like the rain
so everybody shares in If's plight.

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