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## WHEN BELLA MET LENNY

She loved to swim in waters dark and muddy,  
For Isabella was aquatic to the point of genius,  
She longed however for a pal or p'raps a buddy,  
Did the large and rather heavy, lady hippopotamus.

A problem then had blighted this poor lass's life,  
You see, Dear Isabella was, in size, enormous,  
She doubted that she'd ever gain the title wife,  
So convinced was she her chances were quite dubious.

Until the day she met another swimmer passing by,  
A handsome, if a shortish lad, a duck-billed-platypus.  
At the moment their eyes met, this fellow gave a cry,  
"My dear, I'd like to be the centre of you radius."

In a flash did Isabella give a kindly, warm reply,  
That she'd agree, as Leonard seemed to her quite fabulous,  
And as her spirit straight away had soared sky high,  
It did not occur at all that this was rather ludicrous.

They were wed quite soon and settled into matrimonial bliss,  
To raise a family of children very numerous,  
Which they didn't, as things always seemed to go amiss,  
But many folk had warned, "It's surely rather obvious."

Imagine then the sadness when Isabella one day found,  
Her husband gone, and according to the local chat consensus,  
The cad was last seen heading fast to waters quite renown,  
As a place where dwelt a rather touchy-feely lady octopus!