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Nen and the Lonely Fisherman

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Bright splashes of yellow jump out from a soothing seaside palette in this fantastical LGBTQ+ picture book. Though he loves the ocean, there is one thing Nen, a merman, cannot find even in its unfathomable depths: love. Every night, Nen sings his sorrow out over the sea; his song reaches a lonely fisherman, Ernest, who sets out in search of the singer. Together, they discover that nothing—not even a raging storm—can conquer love.

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