

Steely Dan "Mock Turtle Song"

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Will you walk a little faster? said a whiting to a snail
There's a porpoise close behind us, and he's treading
on my tail
Don't you see how eagerly the turtles and the lobsters
all advance
They are waiting on the shingle, won't you come and
join the dance?
Will you, won't you, will you, won't you, won't you join
the dance?
(3x)
You can really have no notion how delightful it will be
When they take us up and throw us, with the lobsters in
the sea
But the snail replied "Too far, too far!" and gave a look
askance
Said he thanked the whiting kindly, but he would not
join the dance
Would not, could not, would not, could not, would not
join the dance
[Chorus]
(2x)
[Solo]
What matters it how far we go? his scaly friend replied
There is another shore, you know, upon the other side
The further off from England the nearer is to France
Then turn not pale, beloved snail, but come and join
the dance
[Chorus]
(repeat to fade)

--Lewis Carroll, "Alice in Wonderland"--

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