

Little Piney Hellbender (Maureen and Richard Hall)

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Sitting at the bottom of the stream, He let's you know if the river is clean,

Eflat

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He's sensitive to these things, the water is the air that he breathes,

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He's a big ol' salamander, he's the little piney hellbender.

(chorus)

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Big and slimy - little shiney beedy eyes

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Looks scary - though, he's really quite nice

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Like a log - he loves the water

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A devil dog - sometimes they call him snot otter

E

He smiles all day - though cold is his blood

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He likes to play - all day in the mud

F

E

B

He's the spirit of the river, the little piney hellbender

We've got a big problem today, hellbenders are all going away.

It ain't like it was before, the river ain't so clean anymore.

It ain't fate or destiny, the problem is you and me.

(bridge)

Hi bacterial count, and soil erosion; Low oxygen levels, and siltation

Habitat destruction and fragmentation; Significant decrease in his population,

Rare threatened, and endangered ... Little Piney Hellbender

(chorus)

It's not just the hellbenders who lose, we're all walking in his shoes.

He's just the one to fall, clean water's at the heart of it all.

Let's all work together, to save the Little Piney Hellbender

(chorus)