Hellbender (Hellbender!)

Hellbender, hellbender

Hiding ’neath a rock at the bottom of a stream.

You been around since the dinosaurs

If we’re gonna keep you around some more

people gonna have to learn to keep your water clean.

spoken:

The hellbender is the largest salamander in North America,

and the third largest salamander in the world.

They’re not poisonous, they’re not dangerous.

They’re just like really, really really BIG.

Hellbender, hellbender

Growing up to 30 inches long.

You got little bitty beady eyes,

Disproportionate to your size,

And arms so short you can’t put your glasses on.

spoken:

By day, hellbenders live under large, flat rocks in streams

Emerging in the dark of night to hunt for food.

They eat crayfish. They eat fish fish.

They’ve even been known to eat other hellbenders. Yuck!

Hellbender, hellbender

aka Mud Cat or Devil Dog

Some folks call you the Snot Otter

you live you whole life under water

Won’t never be found on the ground underneath a log

spoken:

The hellbender is a fully aquatic salamander

Which means they live their entire lives under water.

In order to thrive, hellbenders need fast-flowing water that is clear and clean

And I personally don’t think that’s too much to ask for.

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