

## I Whale

Mount Eerie

So I set out on the sea  
With a little food for me  
And a sharp harpoon for the whale that I'm hunting  
The fine women on the shore  
They called out "give us more!"  
But I have nothing to give (as if I did before)  
Before my house burned down last night  
And I killed my friends in a fight  
So like I said, I paddled out in morning light  
To see if I could see  
A shape come from the deep  
Or if I could hear it's song of love at night taunt me  
And though I know I'm getting some  
My fingers are getting numb  
I sit and toss and the cold waves wash over me  
And I've been out here for sixty days  
There's no sign of spout or spray  
And the cold dark night falls down the flat black sea  
And in the calm I close my eyes  
I lean back, rock from side to side  
I am placid, I have slowly gone starry skies  
With half closed eyes  
But with a 'thump' 'thump' beneath my boat  
Watch the water rise  
And storms rage in my skiff crumbles  
And the whale beneath assails and humbles  
It says: "Knock knock!" from beneath  
"You know it's me!  
I'm your heart, I'm a whale  
I'm the bottom of the deep black sea  
My mouth is white and toothy"