

Greenland Whale Fisheries

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They signed us with a whaling crew
For the icy Greenland ground
They said we'd take a shorter way,
While we was outward bound brave boys
While we was outward bound
Oh the lookout up in the barrel stood
With a spyglass in his hand
There's a whale there's a whale there's a whale he
cried
And she blows at every span brave boys
And she blows at every span
The captain stood on the quarter-deck
And the ice was in his eye
Overhaul overhaul let your davit tackles fall
And put your boats to sea brave boys
And put your boats to sea
Well the boats got down and the men aboard
And the whale was full in view
Resolve resolve let these whaler men know
To see where the whale fish blew brave boys
To see where the whale fish blew
Well the harpoon struck, the line ran out
The whale give a floody with his tail
And he upset the boat, we lost half a dozen men
No more, no more Greenland for you brave boys
No more no more Greenland for you
Bad news bad news the captain said
And it grieved his heart full sore
But the losing of that hundred pound whale
Oh it grieved him ten times more brave boys
Oh it grieved him ten times more
Oh Greenland is a dreadful place
A land that's never green
Where the cold winds blow and the whale fish go
And the daylight's seldom seen brave boys
And the daylight's seldom seen