

## Greenland Fishery (The Whale)

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way, brave boys, and for Green - land sai - led a - way.

2. The lookout on the cross-trees stood, with a spyglass in his hand  
 There's a whale, there's a whale, there's a whalefish, he cried,  
 And she blows at every span, brave boys, she blows at every span.

3. The captain stood on the quarterdeck, and a fine little man was he,  
 Overhaul! Overhaul! Let your davit-tackles fall and launch your boats for  
 sea, brave boys, and launch your boats for sea.

4. The boats where launched with the men aboard and the whale was in full  
 view, resolved was each seaman bold, to steer where the whalefish blew,  
 brave boys, to steer where the whalefish blew.

5. We struck that whale, and the line played out, but she gave a flourish with  
 her tail. The boat capsized and four men were drowned, and we never  
 caught that whale, brave boys and we never caught that whale.

6. To lose that whale, our captain said, it grieves my heart full sore. But, oh,  
 to lose four gallant men, it grieves me ten times more, brave boys, it grieves  
 me ten times more.

7. The winter star doth now appear, so, boys, we'll anchor weigh. It's time to  
 leave this cold country, and homeward bear away, brave boys, and  
 homeward bear away.

8. Oh, Greenland is a dreadful place, a land that's never green.  
 Where there's ice and snow, and the whale fishes blow, and daylight's  
 seldom seen, brave boys, and daylight's seldom seen.