

Intro Instrumental over Verse

E H E

In eighteen hundred and forty-six

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On March the eighteenth day

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We hoisted our colors to the top of the mast

E H E H

And for Greenland sailed away, brave boys

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The lookout in the cross trees stood

With spyglass in his hand

There's a whale, there's a whale

And a whale fish he cried

And she blows at every span, brave boys

And she blows at every span

The captain stood on the quarter deck

The ice was in his eye

Overhaul, overhaul, let your gib sheets fall

And you'll put your boats to sea, brave boys

And you'll put your boats to sea

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Our harpoon struck and the line played out

With a single flourish of his tail

He capsized the boat and we lost five men

And we did not catch the whale, brave boys

And we did not catch the whale

The losing of those five jolly men

It grieved the captain sore

But the losing of that fine whale fish

Now it grieved him ten times more, brave boys

Now it grieved him ten times more

Now Greenland is a barren land
A land that bares no green
Where there's ice and snow
And the whale fishes blow
And the daylight's seldom seen, brave boys
And the daylight's seldom seen

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