

# The Greenland Fishery

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Allegro moderato

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SOPRANO

1. 'Twas in eigh - teen hun - dred and six - ty one, on March the eigh - tenth

ALTO

1. 'Twas in eigh - teen hun - dred six - ty one, on March the eigh - tenth,

TENOR

1. 'Twas in eigh - teen hun - dred six - ty one, on March the eigh - tenth

BASS

1. 'Twas in eigh - teen hun - dred six - ty one, on March the eigh - tenth

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day, that we hoi - sted out co - lours to the top of the mast, and from

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March eigh - tenth, that we hoi - sted out co - lours to the top of the mast, and from

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March eigh - tenth, that we hoi - sted out co - lours to the top of the mast, and from

day, that we hoi - sted out co - lours to the top of the mast, and from

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Eng - land bore a - way, brave boys, and from Eng - land bore a - way. 2. Our

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Eng - land bore a - way, brave boys, and from Eng - land bore a - way. 2. Our

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Eng - land bore a - way, brave boys, from Eng - land bore a - way. 2. Our

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Eng - land bore a - way, brave boys, from Eng - land bore a - way. 2. Our

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cap - tain on the deck did stand with a spy - glass in his hand: "There's a

cap - tain on the deck did stand with a spy - glass, spy - glass in his hand: "There's a

cap - tain on the deck did stand with a spy - glass, spy - glass in his hand: "There's a

cap - tain on the deck did stand with a spy - glass in his hand: "There's a

whale and a whale and a whale fish," he cried, "for he blows at ev' - ry

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whale and a whale and a whale fish," he cried, "for he blows at ev' - ry

whale and a whale and a whale fish," he cried, "for he blows at ev' - ry

span, brave boys, for he blows at ev' - ry span." 3.Now the

span, brave boys, for he blows at ev' - ry span." 3.Now the

span, brave boys, he blows at ev' - ry span." 3.Now the

span, brave boys, he blows at ev' - ry span." 3.Now the

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boat was launched and the men got in with the whale fish well in view, and

boat was launched and the men got in with the whale fish, whale fish well in view, and

boat was launched and the men got in with the whale fish, whale fish well in view, and

boat was launched and the men got in with the whale fish well in view, and

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well pre- pared were our ship - mates for to strike where the whale fish

well pre- pared were our ship - mates for to strike where the whale fish

well pre- pared were our ship - mates for to strike where the whale fish

well pre- pared were our ship - mates for to strike where the whale fish

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blew, brave boys, for to strike where the whale fish blew. 4.Now the

blew, brave boys, for to strike where the whale fish blew. 4.Now the

blew, brave boys, to strike where the whale fish blew. 4.Now the

blew, brave boys, to strike where the whale fish blew. 4.Now the

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lines played out and the fish<sub>32</sub> was struck, but she gave such a flou-rish with her tail, she<sub>33</sub>

lines played out and the fish was struck, but she gave such a flou-rish, such a flou-rish with her tail, she<sub>34</sub>

lines played out and the fish was struck, but she gave such a flou-rish, such a flou-rish with her tail, she

lines played out and the fish was struck, but she gave such a flou-rish with her tail, she

cap - sized the boat<sub>35</sub> and we lost<sub>36</sub> five men and we did not catch<sub>37</sub> that

cap - sized the boat and we lost five men and we did not catch that

cap - sized the boat and we lost five men and we did not catch that

cap - sized the boat and we lost five men and we did not catch that

whale, brave boys, and we did<sub>38</sub> not catch<sub>39</sub> that whale. 5.O<sub>40</sub>

whale, brave boys, and we did not catch that whale. 5.O

whale, brave boys, we did not catch that whale. 5.O

whale, brave boys, we did not catch that whale. 5.O

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then the loss of that whale fish it grived our hearts full sore, but

then the loss of that whale fish it grived our hearts, our hearts full sore, but

then the loss of that whale fish it grived our hearts, our hearts full sore, but

then the loss of that whale fish it grived our hearts full sore, but

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O the loss of five jol - ly tars that grieved us ten times

O the loss of five jol - ly tars that grieved us ten times

O the loss of five jol - ly tars that grieved us ten times

O the loss of five jol - ly tars that grieved us ten times

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more, brave boys, that grieved us ten times more. 6."Up

more, brave boys, that grieved us ten times more. 6."Up

more, brave boys, that grieved us ten times more. 6."Up

more, brave boys, that grieved us ten times more. 6."Up

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an - chor, up an - chor, "our cap - tain cried, "for the win-ter's star doth ap - pear. It is

an - chor, up an - chor, "our cap - tain cried, "for the win-ter's star, win-ter's star doth ap - pear. It is

an - chor, up an - chor, "our cap - tain cried, "for the win-ter's star, win-ter's star doth ap - pear. It is

an - chor, up an - chor, "our cap - tain cried, "for the win-ter's star doth ap - pear. It is

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time to leave this cold coun - try, so to Eng - land back we'll

time to leave this cold coun - try, so to Eng - land back we'll

time to leave this cold coun - try, so to Eng - land back we'll

time to leave this cold coun - try, so to Eng - land back we'll

58 59 rit. 60

steer, brave boys, so to Eng - land back we'll steer!"

steer, brave boys, so to Eng - land back we'll steer!"

steer, brave boys, so to Eng - land back we'll steer!"

steer, brave boys, so to Eng - land back we'll steer!"