

Ballad Of The Greenland Whalers

Chords And Lyrics

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Intro - G

G D G C G D
On the twenty third day of the month of June In the year of '54
G C D
They signed us weary whaler men
G D G C Am C D
To sail for Greenland's shore brave boys - To sail for Greenland's shore
G D G C G D
Our gallant ship her sails we set for the icy Greenland ground
G C D
Well, they said we'd take about a score or two a whale
G D G C Am C D
Before we're six months bound brave boys - Before we're six months bound
G D G C G D
Oh the lookout up in the crosstree stood - with a spyglass in his hand
G C D
There's a whale there's a whale there's a whale fish he cried
G D G C Am C D
She blows on every span brave boys - She blows on every span
G D G C G D
The captain stood on the quarterdeck - with his eye to the icy sea
G C D
"Overhaul! Overhaul! Let your davit-tackles fall
G D G C
Put your boats on the water cried he brave boys
Am C D
Put your boats on the water cried he
G D G
Well the boats got down - and the crews aboard
C G D
And the whale was in full view

G C D
And the bosun roared put your backs to the oars
 G D G C
And steer where the whale fish blew brave boys
 Am C D
And steer where the whale fish blew

Break - G-D-G-C-G-D-G-C-D-G-C-G
 C Am C D
Brave boys - "And steer where the whale fish blew

 G D G
Well the harpoon struck and the line played out
 C G D
And the whale gave a thunder with its tail
 G C D
And the boat capsized killing half a dozen men
 G D G C
And we never did catch that whale, brave boys
 Am C D
We never did catch that whale

 G D G C G D
To lose those men," the captain said "Well, it grieves my heart full sore
 G C D
But we knew the losing of that hundred barrel whale
 G D G C
Well, it grieved him ten times more, brave boys
 Am C D
It grieved him ten times more

 G D G C G D
Oh, Greenland is a dreadful place It's a place that's never green
 G C D
Where there's ice and snow, and the whale fishes blow
 G D G C
And the daylight's seldom seen, brave boys
 Am C D
The daylight's seldom seen