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No longer will we stay on shore since we are so deep in debt On a voyage to Greenland we will go

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It was the year of 18'5 on March the 20th day When our gallant ship from her anchor swayed To the sea she bore away brave boys To the sea she bore away.

It's Bollard was oor Captain's name,
And our ship the 'Lion Bold'
We're away to a far north cold country
Where the snow forever lies, brave boys
Where the snow forever lies.

When we did arrive in this far country
Where the snow forever lies
Where the hail, wind and snow and the big whales blow
And the daylight never dies brave boys
And the daylight never dies.

Our mate was up in the crow's nest high
With a spyglass in his hand
"Oh a whale, oh a whale, oh a whale-fish," he cried
And he's blows at every span, brave boys
And he blows at every span.

Our captain on the deck did run And a clever, little man was he "Overhaul, overhaul from the davits let them fall! And lower your boats to sea, brave boys
And lower your boats to sea!"

The boat's being launched and the line's paid out
And every boat her crew
They have orders been given to all steersmen
To steer where the whale-fish blew, brave boys
To steer where the whale-fish blew.

Oh we steered East and we steered West
And it's all to catch the whale
But he capsized our boats and we lost five men
Nor did we catch the whale, brave boys
Nor did we catch the whale.

When this sad news to our Captain came
He called up his old ship's crew
For the losing of his five 'prentice boys
He down his colours drew, brave boys
He down his colours drew.

But what needs I for regret and cry For the losing of my hands For fortune will be our fortune still Let a man do all he can, brave boys Let a man do all he can.

But as long as the water runs below the bridge And the sea doth ebb and flow We will go no more to Greenland, oh no To Greenland go no more, brave boys To Greenland go no more.