The Boothbay Whale

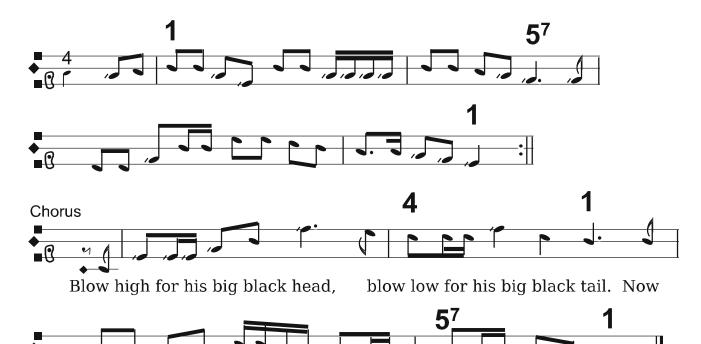
Maine, ca. 1850

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set right down and listen up a bit* and you'll soon see a Boothbay whale.

It was way up north in Boothbay harbor where the water's always cold.

The fisher folk are a clever lot, or so I have been told.

They catch their pollack, cod and shad by the mouth, the fin or tail.

One day they got a heck of a jolt when into the bay swam a whale.

|| chorus || break ||

Says Captain Pete, "I've harpooned tuna, and caught them with my rig,

but-I ain't gettin' near no eighty-foot whale; that fish is too damn big."

MAYBE:
Rehearse
audience
on chorus.
(Tune
"Camptown
Races"
chorus.)

Slantnote on rails, with key-free chording, is for sight-reading in whatever key the session requires.

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Well Skipper Jake was a ready man,
   though he had a wooden leg.
Says he, "I think I'll catch that whale.
   Let me have that old rum keg."
  || chorus || break ||
Well-he stood on the bow of the Nancy U.
   and followed that whale for a ride,
and when that whale she surfaced and blowed,
   he steered her to starboard side.
The whale blowed steam from his big spout hole,
   while Jake took a swig from his keg,
and 'fore he could dive, Jake jumped on 'is back,
   hangin' on with his one good leg.
  || chorus || break ||
Well, Jake took his keg and used it like a plug,
   pushed it tight in the old whale's spout.
He kicked it hard, then jumped on board,
   sayin' "Boys, it will never come out!"
Well-the whale he blew, he huffed, he heaved,
   and the boys all gave a shout;
And-the very next time he 'rose to blow,
   he blew his brains right out.
  || chorus || break ||
You bold seafarin' whalermen,
   you've wasted all these years
with race boats, harpoons, ropes and hooks,
   and all that other gear.
All you need is a big ol' plug;
   next time you see him spout,
just kick it in, sit back and rest,
   while he blows his brains right out.
  || chorus || coda ||
                       *(orig:) step right up and take a little swig
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