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# *Save the Whale*

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*Magnificent mammal,  
that great bowhead whale,  
near seventy tons  
says Eskimo scale.*

*Past Barrow, Point Hope  
for a good reason  
big bowhead sets course  
in whaling season.*

*Save it, oh save it  
lots of folks say  
from greedy Eskimo  
to swim on today.*

*For out on the ice  
in skin boats so small  
Natives are whaling  
in spring and the fall.*

*A narrow lead widens  
as bowhead breaks brine  
the old captain smiles  
says this one is mine.*

*Save it, oh save it  
or go off to jail  
hungry old Eskimo  
please save the whale.*

*Old harpoon pierces  
mammals sleek skin  
muffled explosion  
is heard from within.*

*Save it we told you  
you old Eskimo  
killing big bowheads  
is no way to go.*

*I'll save it, I'll save it  
I'm not any sinner  
says Eskimo captain,  
save it for dinner.*

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