

## Whale

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We were tossed on the sea  
In a terrible storm  
So, like Jonah, I told them  
To throw me overboard  
They said then it calmed down  
As for me, I wouldn't know  
'Cause I was sinking like a stone  
Losing air in my lungs  
Crushed by the weight  
Of the done and undone  
When something real big  
Swallowed me whole  
I couldn't see and it smelled bad  
In that hell all those fathoms below

To the roots of the mountains  
Looming over me  
We dove for what  
Seemed like eternity  
I lay there in a tangle  
My flesh had given up  
But The Spirit said "Never!"  
With a bold and reckless laugh  
Interceded in wordless  
Groans on my behalf  
'Til my mind cleared just a little  
And a little was enough  
I surrendered my attention  
To that all-consuming Love

Then upward and outward  
In philistine flight  
Retched up on stage  
Under the lights  
Into a dream I didn't know to dream  
Would set sail  
Now I know I only  
Have this day to dance  
So I'm making the most  
Of this blessed second chance  
Telling anyone who'll listen  
My Big Fish tale  
'Bout that time I was rescued  
In the belly of a whale  
When Redemption came to find me  
In the belly of a whale  
How I was resurrected  
From the belly of a whale