Old Polina

Great Big Sea

Old polinaThere's a noble fleet o' whalers sailin' from Dundee men by British sailors to take them o'er the sea on a western ocean passage we started on the trip

we flew along just like a song on a galleon whalin' shipTwas the second Sunday morning just after leaving port

we met a heavy south-west gale that washed away our boat

it washed away our quarter deck our 'stensions just as well

and so we sent the whole she-bang a floatin in the galeChorus:

For the wind was on her quarter the engine's workin free

there's not another whaler that sails the arctic sea

can beat the old polina ye need not try me sons

we challenged all both great and small from Dundee to St. john'sOur jackman set his canvas for Willard gallop stein

and captain Guy the daring by' came plungin' through the stream and Mullins' in the husky tried to beat the bloody lot

but to beat the Old Polina boys was something he could notChorusThere's the noble terra nova a model without

the arctic and aurora they talk so much about our jackman's model nailboat the terror of the sea

try to beat the old polina on a passage from DundeeChorusNow we're back in old st. john's where rum is very cheap

we'll drink a health to captain guy who brought us o'er the deep a health to all our sweethearts and to our wives so fair not another ship could make the trip, the Polina I declare!Chorus x2

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