

I Whale

Mount Eerie

So I set out on the sea
With a little food for me
And a sharp harpoon for the whale that I'm hunting
The fine women on the shore
They called out "give us more!"
But I have nothing to give (as if I did before)
Before my house burned down last night
And I killed my friends in a fight
So like I said, I paddled out in morning light
To see if I could see
A shape come from the deep
Or if I could hear it's song of love at night taunt me
And though I know I'm getting some
My fingers are getting numb
I sit and toss and the cold waves wash over me
And I've been out here for sixty days
There's no sign of spout or spray
And the cold dark night falls down the flat black sea
And in the calm I close my eyes
I lean back, rock from side to side
I am placid, I have slowly gone starry skies
With half closed eyes
But with a 'thump' 'thump' beneath my boat
Watch the water rise
And storms rage in my skiff crumbles
And the whale beneath assails and humbles
It says: "Knock knock!" from beneath
"You know it's me!
I'm your heart, I'm a whale
I'm the bottom of the deep black sea
My mouth is white and toothy"