## **Out On The Shield**

## Said the Whale

We never meant to stay here We were here for the gold

We got stuck here for the winter Blinded by golden dollar signs We built some simple structures Temporary, not permanent But each year we dug much deeper And each year things got more serious Each year our hearts grew weaker Blinded by golden dollar signs

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Put a lump of coal in my hand Squeeze just as tight as I can Hope for a brand new diamond I know it's slight but it's all I can I promise honey that when we get paid We'll pack our things and we'll move away A thousand miles from this frozen lake We'll find a place where we both can stay

We'll find a city with a million people Find an apartment where the rent is real low We'll disappear and no one will notice How about it Darling? We could both live downtown

We never meant to stay here We were here for the gold We never meant to stay here But we're just dumb animals with our paws in the hole, grasping gold

Now we're stuck in a small town Out on the shield But it lost its appeal long ago We wake up at dawn and kiss our wives on the forehead And we slowly make our way into the caves Where we will forget the faces of our children and our small re grets Like, I should have kept that lucky penny while I had the chanc e