

Little Mary's Song

"Father, dear Father, come home with me now,
The clock in the steeple strikes one!
You promised, dear Father, that you would come home
As soon as your day's work was done.
Our fire has gone out, our house is all dark,
And Mother's been watching since tea,
With poor little Benny so sick in her arms,
And no one to help her but me.
Come home, come home, come home,
Please Father, dear Father, come home!"

"Father, dear Father, come home with me now,
The clock in the steeple strikes two!
The night has grown colder, and Benny is worse,
But he has been calling for you.
Indeed he is worse Mother says he will die,
Perhaps before morning shall dawn,
And this was the message she sent me to bring—
"Come quickly, or he will be gone."
Come home, come home, come home,
Please Father, dear Father, come home!"

"Father, dear Father, come home with me now,
The clock in the steeple strikes three!
The house is so lonely, the hours are so long,
For poor weeping Mother and me.
Yes, we are alone, poor Benny is dead,
And gone with the angels of light!
And these were the very last words that he said,
I want to kiss papa— good night!
Come home, come home, come home,
Please Father, dear Father, come home"

Cruising for Bow-heads

Saturday June 26th ~ 1869
Good weather light winds from all points of the compass
Some ice round us our ship quite handy to the
Land at 7.30 A.M. our Capt went on shore with
his boat crew, at noon returned to the ship again
reported seeing several deer, and many birds settling
on their nests, steered along the Sound among
the drift ice, and at 3 P.M. saw a dead whale
took him along side and cut him in, supposed to
to have been dead about one week, saved all his bone
the day and good weather not much wind

Sunday 27th beautiful weather employed boiling, saw
one bird head in the ice not far from the ship he
went down saw him no more he was a large
whale,

Monday 28th Winds from North to N.E. quite a
good breeze finished boiling the whale making about
60 lbs, scraped and skinned one head of bone
saw two hump back whales,

Tuesday 29th & Wednesday 30th Winds light
from East to S.E. with some fog and rain
Land in sight our ship quite handy to it some
of the time, saw some native huts on shore
whales appears to be scarce at present since the
ship to be in the latitude of 64.13 N and in the
longitude of 174.25 West