Whaling!

It's advertised in Albany N.Y. & Buffalo
500 young Americans a coming for to go
Cheer up cheer up my lively lads
in spite of wind & weather
" " " we'll all go home together

They send you to N.B. that famous whaling port
To some damn rascal to board & fit you out
Cheer up &c

They show you yr clipper ship that's built both strong & stout
They say you'll have $500 before yr. know out
chorus

Now comes your grub my boys & of that little enough
All the week we've stinking beef & on Sunday a little of duff

Next comes the running rigging boys which all of you must know
If you don't learn it in a week you'll lose yr. below watch
Cheer

Next comes that cursed compass boys which grieve yr heart full sore
With 32 & 30 points to learn of yr own full no more

Now we are at Cape Horn boys where the wind comes up to blow
Some are sick & lie on deck the rest are down below

Now we're on the coast of Peru where the islands swarm
We lower away all of our boats & after them we do go