## **Nickerson's Theme**

Ahab

Neither long or meager lay Nor a comet on a July's day Would lead my righteous soul astray To cowardice, left hand's way

Oil soaked timber, wooden bone Whatever fate - God knows alone I pray for him to watch our trail For I know: to kill we sail

So sing, seaman, join my hymn of Blood and oil Sing her out, sing of our return to Rotten soil

First Nantucket sleigh ride, see! Will be a kingly gift to me O! That is where I long to be Deep in the heart of the sea