

Old Moby Dick

Burl Ives

As I was a-walking down by the seaside
I saw a large whale floating on the tide
He measured as long as a great schooner stick
I looked and by gum, it was old Moby Dick!

And what do you think I made of his head?
As large an oven as ever big bread
Fruitcake and cookies oh just take your pick
Don't you think I did well with old Moby Dick?

Now what do you think I made of his eyes?
The fanciest platters as ever big pies
Blueberry custard oh just take your pick
Don't you think I did well with old Moby Dick?

Now what do you think I made of his tail?
As fine a main sail as ever sought sail
Topsail or spinnaker [?] just take your pick
Don't you think I did well with old Moby Dick?

Now what do you think I made of his back?
A big top for a circus and all colored black
Watery pellent all shiny and slick
Don't you think I did well with old Moby Dick?

Now what do you think I made if his ribs?
Forty new cradles and fifty new cribs
For twins or quintruplets oh just take your pick
Don't you think I did well with old Moby Dick?

Now what do did make of his old back bone?
A place for a king, a shiny white throne
I laboured for years twas not finished quick
Don't you think I did well with old Moby Dick?

Now what do you think I made of his maw?
As fine a blast furnace as ever did ya saw
Gas coal or wood just take your pick
Did you think I did well with old Moby Dick?