

## Said The Whale "Out on the Shield"

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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

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

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 regrets  
Like, I should have kept that lucky penny while I had the chance

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