

New Deal String Band

"BLOW YE WINDS"

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Blow ye winds in the morning blow ye winds hi oh
Its clear away the running gear and blow boys blow

1: Its advertised in Boston, New York and Buffalo
500 brave Americans a whaling for to go.

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2: Its of those famous clipper ships they tell you all
about
They say youll take 500 sperm before your 6 months
out.

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3: They take you to New Bedford town that famous
whaling port.
They give you there the land sharks to board and fit
you out.

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4: As for the provisions you dont get half enough.
One little piece of stinking beef and that full bag of
duff.

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5: Now were out to sea me boys and the winds begin to
blow. Half the watch is sick on deck the other halves
below

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6: Captains on the quarter deck a squintin at the sails
While up aloft the lookout cries he sights a school of
whales.

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7: So lower down the boats me boys and after him well
travel
But dont you get too near his fluke hell take you to the
Devil.

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8: It comes to stowin down me boys it takes both night
and day.
Well all get 50 cents apiece on the 140th lay.

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9: Now were homeward bound me boys and when we
quit our sailing. A wining glass around well pass and
damn this blubber whaling.

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