

The ballad of Oscar and Oona and the whale

C G C G
Oscar and Oona were taking a stroll, down by the dune where the ocean waves roll
C F C
when along came a whale who said from the foam
G C G C
“I’m feeling so lonely ‘cause I lost my way home, I’m feeling so lonely ‘cause I lost my way home”

C G C G
“I live in the Arctic”, the whale began, oozing his body up onto the sand
C F C
“I’m a blue whale you see, and I’m feeling quite blue
G C G C
for my family’s in Norway while I am with you, yes my family’s in Norway while I am with you”

C G C G
“Don’t worry”, said Oscar, “don’t look so forlorn, you can stay at our house and relax on the lawn”
C F C
“that’s kind”, said the whale, “but I have to be gone
G C G C
for the weather is changing and time marches on, yes the weather is changing and time marches on”

C G C G
“That’s alright”, said Oona, “if you must leave today, we’ve got a compass and we’ll show you the way”
F C
“Well if you really do mean it”, the whale replied,
G C G C
“then I’ll be your cruiser and you’ll be my guide, yes I’ll be your cruiser and you’ll be my guide”

C G C G
So they followed that compass through the Bay of Biscay, through the Atlantic where the porpoises play
F C
up through the Channel to the cold Northern Sea
G C G C
till the first sight of land was a tall Christmas tree, yes the first sight of land was a tall Christmas tree

C G C G
“What joy, it’s my homeland”, the whale exclaimed, “but I’ve been so selfish and I feel so ashamed
F C
for now you’re in Norway and so far from home
G C G C
I never should ever have allowed you to roam, no I never should ever have allowed you to roam”

C G C G
Just then came another whale all covered in frost. He said “I’m a humpback and I seem to be lost
F C
I’m used to the warm sea and I can’t bear this ice
G C G C
I’ve lost my direction do you have some advice, yes I’ve lost my direction do you have some advice?”

C G C G
“Well, of course” answered Oona, “what a fortunate chance, the fact is we both need a lift back to France”
F C
so waving goodbye to their Norwegian friend
G C G C
they started their long journey back home again, yes they started their long journey back home again