

## *Save the Whales*

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*If we cannot save  
these gentle giants  
who roam our many seas  
from the cruelty  
and barbarity  
of commercial whaling  
then we may as well  
give up now  
the future is without hope.  
It is my belief  
that this world of ours,  
this planet that we share  
is something  
we should care for  
and look after,  
not exploit*

*'til all our resources are gone  
and all that is  
beautiful,  
wonderful,  
breathtaking  
and amazing  
is lost for good.*

*I have done  
a lot of reading  
so I could be informed  
of both the pro and anti  
point of view  
and I think I understand  
what the IWC  
is trying hard to do  
and why no-one  
is truly happy  
with what they have proposed.  
Iceland, Norway and Japan  
hunt the whale still:  
Iceland and Norway claim  
it is their unassailable right,*

*to hunt the whale  
they are fishing nations  
with a whaling history.  
Now I have to add,  
I've just read,  
some information that says,  
Iceland doesn't hunt the whale,  
but rather, they object  
to the moratorium on whaling  
and this is the way they protest.*

*And Japan,  
has a history of  
fishing and whaling too  
an island nation  
surrounded by the sea.  
And although the Japanese  
have hunted the whale,  
since the sixteenth century;  
but it wasn't until  
the United States  
dropped  
the atomic bomb*

*in World War II  
upon the Japanese,  
destroying so much land,  
devastating their nation  
that the Americans  
strongly encouraged them  
to go and hunt the gentle whale  
to feed their starving people  
with a cheap supply of meat.*

*But now they say the reason  
they still hunt whales  
is for "scientific research",  
and I'm afraid I must disagree.*

*I think  
they are stretching  
the truth  
to support their industry.  
They've killed around  
a thousand whales  
a year  
for over thirty years  
all in the name of "research",  
yet,  
for the amount of whales they've killed*

*they've not published  
that much "research"  
not published much at all.  
Surely they've had long enough  
to find out  
what they want to know?  
Whales don't need to die  
in the name of "research"  
not when there are so many ways  
to study the whale  
without killing it dead  
in the sea.  
And of course,  
we all know  
that their leftover "research"  
is served as food to the Japanese.*

*I've heard it said  
that some Japanese  
feel vilified:  
they feel they're being  
racially attacked,  
for it's their whaling practices  
that always make the news,  
and their whaling ships*

*in the southern seas  
attacked by the terrorists Greenpeace  
and Sea Shepherd  
while Norway  
escapes media free.  
And I think  
the reason  
it seems this way  
has an awful lot to do  
with the "scientific research"  
Japan says that they do,  
when really it seems  
so blindingly obvious to me,  
so obvious  
even a blind man  
would be able to see,  
that this "research"  
that they do  
is just a means,  
a cover,  
a lie  
that uses a loophole  
to support  
their whale meat industry.*

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*Now the IWC  
is really trying hard  
to bring these countries into line  
so the IWC  
can monitor them,  
put people on their ships  
and limit the numbers  
of whales they catch,  
reducing the number  
of whales that die  
each and every year.  
The IWC does agree  
that their proposal's  
not the perfect solution,  
but then,  
when there are those who are for  
and those completely against,  
a compromise*

*from either side  
will be a bitter pill to swallow.  
So I understand  
what IWC is saying  
I appreciate  
what they're trying to do  
although I cannot completely agree,  
especially as some of the compromises  
seem dubious at best.  
I don't understand  
how the IWC  
can even consider the possibility  
of whaling in ocean sanctuaries.  
If I am right  
and I believe I am,  
a Sanctuary  
is a safe place,  
a haven safe from danger.  
So an ocean sanctuary  
is a place  
for the creatures of the sea  
to be safe  
from the predation of mankind.  
How can this be right?  
And I've also read,*

*not sure how true this is,  
that some of the whales  
in the proposed new quotas  
are whales whose numbers are  
still considerably low,  
low enough  
to still be endangered!  
Commercial whaling  
could well be their end!  
And I don't understand  
how something like that  
can be considered  
a possibility at all!*

*We've hunted the whale  
to extinction  
some species no longer exist  
and some only hang  
there by a thread;  
but do not  
lay the blame  
at the feet of Japan  
or Iceland and Norway,  
for Australians  
killed whales too*

*Why?  
I do not know,  
for I was only eight years old  
when the whaling stopped:  
although,  
as I type these words,  
“dog food” rings a bell.  
The world killed whales;  
it was the popular thing to do,  
we brought them to edge of extinction  
and it seems we want  
to do it again!  
I’ve looked into  
the history of whaling -  
it made my stomach churn  
and righteous indignation burn;  
the slaughter  
of this gentle beast,  
that swims our world’s  
many seas  
is just an indication  
of the atrocities  
us people are capable of  
against our world  
and against each other too.*

*I’ve heard it said,  
it’s a cultural thing  
to hunt and kill the whale;  
but just because you’ve been doing  
something for hundreds of years  
doesn’t necessarily mean it’s right.  
Take for example  
the cultural tradition  
of mutilating young girl’s genitals -  
it’s cultural and traditional  
but it certainly isn’t right!*

*Yes, whaling is traditional  
but today’s methods  
they are not  
and the whale  
will not be surviving  
if our thinking  
stays stuck in this rut.*

*Perhaps,  
those countries  
who want to hunt  
the whale  
because of culture and tradition  
could only*

*hunt the whale  
in the seas around their shores  
and only hunt  
the way they did  
in the sixteenth century.  
Now I have to admit,  
I don’t know much  
about fishing rights -  
something to do with  
the sea around your land  
is your “own”  
to do what you like with  
even to the point of fishing it bare,  
which would not be a wise thing to do!  
For taking all the fish from your seas  
is bad for your country,  
as well as the rest of the world.  
So,  
just hunting whales  
in the seas around your shores  
is truly not  
a feasible, workable option.  
We need to take care of  
the seas round our shores*

*as well as the oceans deep  
which belong to all the world.  
We need to take better care  
of our oceans  
not exploit them til there's nothing left  
til the coral reefs are bare  
and bereft of fish,  
not a shellfish  
to be found anywhere;  
'til nothing at all  
lives in the ocean  
unless it's too deep  
for us to fish  
and trawl  
with nets, lines and harpoons;  
that is if anything at all  
still swims and breathes  
in the oceans and seas  
after all the pollution  
us humans  
have dumped into the sea.*

*Whaling  
has to be regulated  
for whales don't breed fast*

*like rabbits, rats  
or cats and dogs  
who can have  
litters of several young  
more than once a year.  
The majestic whale  
takes a lot longer,  
even longer than us,  
probably closer to an elephant,  
which must have something  
to do with size.  
A baby whale  
grows inside it's mama  
taking about twelve months,  
sometimes more  
(depending on the species)  
and only one is born!  
And mama feeds  
her babe for a year  
and it's only when  
the babe's been weaned  
that she will breed again  
somewhere between  
one and three long years!  
It takes a long time*

*for the whale to multiply,  
even though  
I've heard it said  
that the Minke whale  
is the cockroach of the sea!  
I assume they mean  
there's lots of this whale  
to be found in the sea  
and so, they must breed like cockroaches,  
for there's so many in the sea,  
not that they're a  
disease carrying, dirty pest!  
But the truth is  
despite their numbers,  
they don't  
breed like cockroaches  
it's not in their physiology -  
there might be more  
Minke whales  
in the southern seas  
than any other breeds,  
perhaps it's because  
the smaller whales  
weren't hunted  
quite so mercilessly*

*and have had more time  
than other whales  
to build up their breeding stock,*

*But the world didn't care  
about the whale  
and what the future would bring,  
just as long as we got our oil  
and the money that it brought us.  
So we hunted whales  
indiscriminately,  
too small,  
too young  
and breeding females  
all fell  
to the deadly harpoon  
until  
we'd almost wiped the whale  
from the depths of the seven seas.*

*I've heard the possibility  
of whale farming mentioned,  
managing the whale pods of the sea  
just like herds of cows .  
Again, I understand the thinking  
and I've wondered if it might work*

*but I've discovered  
as I've researched this topic  
that I cannot condone it at all -  
the practice of whaling  
is awful;  
it's barbaric  
and it is cruel.  
What we do to the whales  
to kill them  
we would not do  
to our pigs and cows,  
it would not be allowed.  
We slaughter these animals humanely  
quickly,  
painlessly  
so the animals don't know  
fear or terror  
and they die instantly  
so swiftly they don't know their dead;  
at least,  
that's what we've been led to believe,  
however,  
I am much more sceptical  
when money is involved  
which is why we don't buy factory farmed*

*and now plan to 'grow our own'.*

*But whaling is very different,  
not so cut and dried:  
the whale is chased  
around the sea,  
it would be terrified.  
Heart beating fast,  
blood pounding in its veins,  
breathing hard in gasps,  
lungs aching,  
desperately trying to escape;  
escape those throbbing engines,  
shouting men and giant guns  
trying to dodge those boats and ships,  
terrified,  
disoriented,  
frightened  
and confused.  
And sometimes  
after being hit  
with an explosive tipped harpoon,  
that poor whale  
doesn't die straight away  
so other methods are used -*

*like dragging  
the whale  
backwards  
until it drowns.  
Convince me  
that whale ain't suffering -  
it's terrified,  
scared,  
in pain.  
Tell me,  
how can this be right?  
So I have to say,  
in my opinion,  
that unless you can find  
a responsible,  
humane way  
to kill 'em,  
then leave the whale alone!*

*But then  
I ask myself,  
I ask the world,  
"Why  
hunt*

*the whale  
at all?"*

*Save the whale,  
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*But why should we just stop there?  
Save the world,  
save the world,  
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save the world!*

*Take a good hard look  
at the world around you,  
open your eyes and see.  
Do you see  
a world in balance,  
a world in harmony?*

*Our world  
is falling to pieces  
everywhere you look  
because the world  
is full of people overcome  
with greed  
and a lust  
for power and control;  
people who don't care what  
the future holds  
they only care  
about what they can get  
right now,  
no matter what the cost to the future.  
Greed and power their motivators  
these people and their corporations  
won't let go their vampiric grip  
upon our world  
'til they've sucked it dry  
and every last drop  
has been squeezed from the earth.  
By the time  
the truth  
is undeniable  
and the damage they've done*

*plain to see,  
the earth will be dead,  
a shell sucked dry,  
devoid of life,  
but these people  
don't care  
about the future,  
because,  
the future for them is bright -  
money,  
power,  
security,  
all their material wants  
satisfied,  
while children die every minute  
in the poor countries  
all around the world.  
They don't really care  
'bout the present  
and the future,  
well, it's an SEP,  
Someone Else's Problem,  
because by the time it's a problem,  
it won't be them cleaning up the mess  
or picking up the tab,*

*because they will be  
already dead!  
And the consequences of their actions  
will not be on their own heads  
instead we'll hand our children's children  
a planet mostly dead.  
Weak and greedy politicians  
too concerned about the vote  
will follow the lead  
of those with the money,  
accepting bribes  
and threats  
of greedy businesses  
so they'll turn the other cheek  
and do nothing of great significance  
to stop the rot  
and decay  
of our wondrous,  
beautiful world.  
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*It's the only one we've got!*

*Save the tiger, the turtle too  
the rainforests and orang-utan,  
save the baby seal as well,  
save the people too!*

*Stop intensive farming of the ground,  
stop planting*

*genetically modified seeds  
controlled by corporations*

*motivated by power and greed  
only concerned with their bottom line  
and not the damage that they do!*

*Stop factory farming  
squeezing our pigs and chickens*

*into concrete cells and wire cages  
where they can barely  
stand or turn around,  
like sardines stuffed into a can.  
Stop destroying  
old growth forests  
for woodchips  
and palm oil plantation;  
stop ripping the heart  
and the soul  
from deep within the earth -  
all the minerals, oils and metals  
our non renewable resources  
that we mine from  
deep within the ground;  
stop polluting our rivers,  
skies and seas  
with chemicals and toxins  
that we use so  
unnecessarily.*

*It is in our power  
to live more simply  
and more sustainably.  
We can use what God*

*has given us  
(or mother earth,  
if you prefer).  
We have renewable  
sources of energy,  
there are many resources  
in our hands  
and we can use them  
far more sensibly than we do;  
our world is full  
of innovators  
and inventors  
people who can lead  
the way to a better world.*

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*So, let's save the whale  
and save the world  
and save ourselves  
from a living hell.*

*Save us all,  
save us all,  
save us all!*



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