Dan-Dan-Oh

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Whe' fore, wet me, Dan-Dan-oh
Dan-Dan, whip me, Dan-Dan

Oh, dem girl, der take me shillings all
Dan-Dan-oh, whip me, Dan-Dan

Whe' fore, wet me, Dan-Dan-oh

Dan-Dan-oh, whip me, Dan-Dan

Whip, whip me moon a show

All dem girl they take me money gone

Whip, whip, whip me, Dan-Dan-oh

All dem girl, they take me all me shillings gone

Whip, whip, whip me, Dan-Dan-oh

All dem girl come an' take me silver coin

Whip, whip, whip me, Dan-Dan-oh

All dem girl they take me money gone

Whip, whip, you whip me, Dan-Dan-oh

Whip, oh whip, oh whip me, Dan-Dan-oh

High Whale!

From Roger Abrahams's Deep the Water, Shallow the Shore.

"Another we does sing when we have de whale on de sea, in de water, want 'e bring it up on land, everybody haul on de rope and sing that shanty. When we say 'High Whale' we reach up, close on de san'."

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