Nigel Gatherer's Ukulele
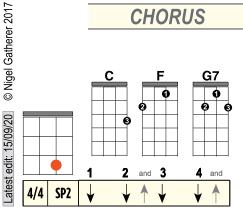
Whale of a Tale *(Hoffman/Gimbel)*

20,000 Leagues Under the Sea

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| C | / | F   C | / | / | G7 | / |
(Got a) whale of a tale to tell ya, lads, a whale of a tale or two,   'bout the

| C | / | F | / | C   G7 | C   G7 |
flappin' fish and the girls I've loved on nights like this with the moon above;

| C   G7 | C   G7 | C   G7   C | / | C— |
A whale of a tale and it's all true, I swear by my tattoo.

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| F | / | / | / | C | / | / | / |
(There was) Mer - maid Minnie,   met her down in Madagascar

| F | / | / | / | C | / | / | / |
She would kiss me,   any time that I would ask her

| F | / | / | / | C— | G7— |
Then one evening her flame of love blew out

| C | G7 | C | F | G7. | C— |
Blow me down and pick me up - she swapped me for a trout!

CHORUS

2
| F | / | / | / | C | / | / | / |
(There was) Ty - phoon Tessie,   met her on the coast of Java,

| F | / | / | / | C | / | / | / |
When we kissed I   bubbled up like molten lava

| F | / | / | / | C— | / | G7— |
Then she gave me   the scare of my young life

| C | G7 | C | F | G7. | C— |
Blow me down and pick me up - she was the captain's wife!

CHORUS

3
| F | / | / | / | C | / | / | / |
(There was) Har - poon Hannah,   had a face that made you shudder,

| F | / | / | / | C | / | / | / |
Lips like fish-hooks,   and a nose just like a rudder,

| F   / | / | / | C — | G — |
If   I   kissed her, and held her tender - ly,

| C | G7 | C   F | G7. | C— |
(There's) no sea monster big enough to ever frighten me!

CHORUS

C   F   G7

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This song was sung by Kirk Douglas in the film 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea (1954). It was written by Al Hoffman and Norman Gimbel (who also wrote the lyrics for the hit song Killing Me Softly and The Girl from Ipanema) and it was released as a single.

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