

Blackbird Get Up

1. The blackbird get up **Alyah**
 And she shake she tail **Alyah**
 And the white bird get up **Alyah**
 And she do the same **Alyah**

Oh m'donna **Alyah**
 Emmalina girl **Alyah**
 Oh m'donna **Alyah**
 Girl come down with me **Alyah**

2. Oh the white bird stand up **Alyah**
 And she shake she tail **Alyah**
 And the blackbird stand up **Alyah**
 And she do the same **Alyah**

Oh m'donna **Alyah**
 Emmalina girl **Alyah**
 Oh m'donna **Alyah**
 Girl come down with me **Alyah**

3. Well the captain cry out **Alyah**
 Wet messy wet **Alyah**
 And the front man cry out **Alyah**
 Wet messy wet **Alyah**

Oh m'donna **Alyah**
 Emmalina girl **Alyah**
 Oh m'donna **Alyah**
 Girl come down with me **Alyah**

4. Wet messy wet **Alyah**
 Oh to the see the rain **Alyah**
 Wet messy wet **Alyah**
 When the rain come down **Alyah**

Oh m'donna **Alyah**
 Emmalina girl **Alyah**
 Oh m'donna **Alyah**
 Girl come down with me **Alyah**

5. The blackbird get up **Alyah**
 And she shake she tail **Alyah**
 And the white bird stand up **Alyah**
 And she do the same **Alyah**

Oh m'donna **Alyah**
 Emmalina girl **Alyah**
 Oh m'donna **Alyah**
 Girl come down with me **Alyah**



A TEN-MILE STEADY PULL TO WINDWARD.

Frank T Bullen, "A ten-mile steady pull to windward", engraving from *The Cruise of the "Cachalot" Round the World After Sperm Whales*, 1897. via [wikimedia](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Frank_T_Bullen_-_A_ten-mile_steady_pull_to_windward.jpg)

Notes:

A **rowing song** from the West Indies used either during off shore **whale hunting** or for pulling the boat out of the water.

Alternative Titles: Blackbird get up, Emmalina Girl

Notes on the words

Blackbird - perhaps the so-called blackfish - a whale!

The "**wet**" verses are perhaps a commentary by the whalers on the rainy conditions they endured.