



Exalted Ones

One hundred ninety
Mighty blue tonnes,
Twenty-hour summertime
Four daily krill tonnes,
Open jaw
Ninety degrees,
Giant gulp
Biomechanical feat
Ten seconds shut,
City bus volume
Filtering to dine,
Oh my word!

Chin cavity
Sensory organ
Rorqual/baleen whales,
Echolocation nope,
Sensitive chin hairs
Mechanoreceptors,
Density detectors,
Crucial mass
“Ok
Open mouth now!”
All hail
Kindred mammals
Largest-ever inhabitants,
Wondrous whales!

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