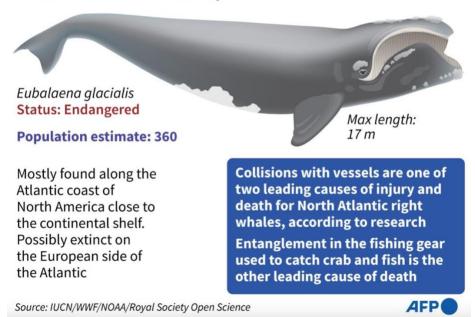


Safeguarding Last Rights

True ice whales,
Colossal crowns,
Perfect strainers,
Seventeen grand metres
Sixty-four big tonnes,
Your Highnesses!

The North Atlantic right whale

Once numbered in the hundreds of thousands, slow-moving right whales -- migrating along coastlines -- were both easy and preferred prey for whalers well into the 20th century



One day tonne
Food snackers,
Plump blubbers!
Slow swimmers,
Easy targets:
New England whalers
Ship strikes
Lethal fishing line
Cannonading seismic surveys,
Monstrous marine heatwaves.



Three hundred or so
Remaining Ice Majesties,
Biden administration
New rules,
Undoing Trump's
Economic noose,
Mother looters
Agonising Age,
Mercy me!
Get outta Oceans.
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