Wellerman

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VERSE 1
Am **| Am**
There once was a ship that put to
Dm **|**
sea and the name of that ship was the
Am
Billy o' Tea. The winds blew hard,
**| C **
her bow dipped down. Blow,
**E ** **| Am **
me bully boys, blow (huh!)

CHORUS
F ** **| C
Soon may the Wellerman come
Dm **| Am**
To bring us sugar and tea and rum
F **| C **
One day, when the tonguin' is done,
**E ** **| Am **
We'll take our leave and go

VERSE 2
Am ** **| Am
She had not been two weeks
Dm **|**
from shore when down on her a
Am
right whale bore the captain called
**| C **
all hands and swore he'd take that
**E ** **| Am **
whale in tow (huh!)

CHORUS

**F \\ | C Dm | Am F | C \\\ E \ | A **

VERSE 3
Am ** **| Am
Before the boat had hit the water
Dm **| Am**
The whale's tail came up and
caught her. All hands to the side,
**| C **
har pooned and fought her, When
**E ** **| Am **
she dived down bel ow (huh!)

CHORUS

VERSE 4
Am ** **| Am
No line was cut, no whale was
Dm **| Am**
freed; The Captain's mind was not
|
on greed. But he belonged to the
**C ** **E **
whaleman's creed; She took that ship
**| Am **
in tow (huh!)

CHORUS

**F \\ | C Dm | Am F | C \\\ E \ | A **

VERSE 5
Am ** **| Am
For forty days, or even more
Dm **| Am**
The line went slack, then tight
|
once more. All boats were lost
**C **
(there were only four)
**E ** **| Am **
But still that whale did go

CHORUS

VERSE 6
Am ** **| Am
As far as I've heard, the fight's
Dm **|**
still on; The line's not cut and the
Am
whale's not gone. The Wellerman
**| C **
makes his regular call to encourage
E ** **| Am
the Captain, crew, and all

CHORUS (2x)

