

Wellerman

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VERSE 1

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

CHORUS

Soon may the Wellerman come
To bring us sugar and tea and rum
One day, when the tonguin' is done,
We'll take our leave and go

VERSE 2

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

CHORUS

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VERSE 3

Before the boat had hit the water
The whale's tail came up and
caught her. All hands to the side,
harpooned and fought her, When
she dived down below (huh!)

CHORUS

VERSE 4

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

CHORUS

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

VERSE 5

For forty days, or even more
The line went slack, then tight
once more. All boats were lost
(there were only four)
But still that whale did go

CHORUS

VERSE 6

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

CHORUS (2x)

