

The Wellerman

4/4 time. 1 2 3 4 Intro. [Dm/] [E7/] [Am] [Am] [Am]

There [Am] once was a ship that put to sea
And the [Dm/] name of that ship was the [Am/] Billy O'Tea
The [Am/] winds blew hard, her [Dm/] bow dipped down
[E7/] Blow, me bully boys, [Am] blow (NC) (huh)

Chorus [F/] Soon may the [C/] Wellerman come
To [Dm/] bring us sugar and [Am/] tea and rum
[F/] One day, when the [C/] tonguing is done
We'll [Dm] take our [E7] leave and [Am/] go

She [Am] had not been two weeks from shore
When [Dm/] down on her a [Am/] Right whale bore
The [Am/] captain called all [Dm/] hands and swore
He'd [E7/] take that whale in [Am] tow (NC) (huh)

Chorus

Be-[Am]-fore the boat had hit the water
The [Dm/] whale's tail came [Am/] up and caught her
All [Am] hands to the side har-[Dm/]-pooned and fought her
[E7/] When she dived be-[Am]-low (NC) (huh)

Chorus

No [Am] line was cut, no whale was freed
An' the [Dm/] captain's mind was [Am/] not on greed
But [Am/] he belonged to the [Dm/] Whaleman's creed
She [E7/] took that ship in [Am] tow (NC) (huh)

Chorus [F/] Soon may the [C/] Wellerman come
To [Dm/] bring us sugar and [Am/] tea and rum
[F/] One day, when the [C/] tonguing is done
We'll [Dm] take our [E7] leave and [Am/] go

For [Am] forty days or even more (ooh)
The [Dm/] line went slack then [Am/] tight once more
All [Am/] boats were lost, there were [Dm/] only four
And [E7/] still that whale did [Am/] go

Chorus

As [Am] far as I've heard, the fight's still on
The [Dm/] line's not cut, and the [Am/] whale's not gone
The [Am/] Wellerman makes his [Dm/] regular call
To en-[E7]-courage the captain, [Am/] crew and all

Chorus X2