

The Wellerman

INTRO: Am Am Am Am

Am
There once was a ship that put to sea
Dm Am
The name of the ship was the Billy of Tea
Am
The winds blew up, her bow dipped down
Em Am
O blow, my bully boys, blow.

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
Em Am Am
We'll take our leave and go.

Am
She had not been two weeks from shore
Dm Am
When down on her a right whale bore
Am
The Captain called all hands and swore
Em Am
He'd take that whale in tow.

CHORUS

Am
Before the boat had hit the water
Dm Am
The wha-ale's tail came up and caught her
Am
All hands to the side, harpooned and
fought her
Em Am
When she dived below.

CHORUS

Am
No line was cut, no whale was freed
Dm Am
The Captain's mind was not of greed
Am
But he belonged to the whaleman's creed
Em Am
She took the ship in tow.

CHORUS

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

CHORUS

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

CHORUS X 2

(2nd time ending with an extra Am↓)

