

WELLERMAN

^{Am} there once was a ship that put to sea, the name of the ship was the ^{Dm} Billy o' Tea
^{Am} the winds blew up, her bow dipped down oh blow, my bully boys, blow (huh) ^{Am}

^F soon may the Wellerman come to bring us sugar and tea and rum ^{Am}
^F one day, when the tonguin' is done we'll take our leave and go ^{Am}

^{Am} she'd not been two weeks from shore when down on her a right whale bore ^{Dm}
^{Am} the captain called all hands and swore he'd take that whale in tow (huh) ^{Am}

chorus + da-da-da

^{Am} before the boat had hit the water the whale's tail came up and caught her ^{Dm}
^{Am} all hands to the side, harpooned and fought her when she dived down low (huh) ^{Am}

chorus

^{Am} no line was cut, no whale was freed, the captain's mind was not of greed ^{Dm}
^{Am} and he belonged to the Whaleman's creed, she took that ship in tow (huh) ^{Am}

chorus + da-da-da

^{Am} for forty days or even more the line went slack then tight once more ^{Dm}
^{Am} all boats were lost, there were only four but still that whale did go (huh) ^{Am}

chorus

^{Am} as far as I've heard the fight's still on, the line's not cut & the whale's not gone ^{Dm}
^{Am} the Wellerman makes his regular call to encourage the captain, crew & all ^{Am}

chorus 2x