

She'd 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

Da-da-da-da-da Da-da-da-da-da-da-da-da-da 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 low (huh)

Chorus

No line was cut, no whale was freed The captain's mind was not of greed And he belonged to the Whaleman's creed She took that ship in tow (huh)

Chorus

Da-da-da-da-da Da-da-da-da-da-da Da-da-da-da-da-da-da-da-da

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 (huh)
Chorus

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 (huh)
Chorus X 2

Chorus

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