











[Verse 1]

Am C

There once was a ship that put to sea

Dm Am

And the name of that ship was the Billy o' Tea

Am C

The winds blew hard, her bow dipped down

Α

O Blow, me bully boys, blow

[Chorus 1]

F C

Soon may the Wellerman come

Om Am

To bring us sugar and tea and rum

F

One day, when the tonguing' is done

E Am

We'll take our leave and go

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Am
She had not been two weeks from shore
                         Am
When down on her a right whale bore
The captain called all hands and swore
He'd take that whale in tow
[Chorus 2]
Soon may the Wellerman come
To bring us sugar and tea and rum
F
One day, when the tonguing' is done
We'll take our leave and go
[Verse 3]
 Am
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
[Chorus 3]
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
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[Verse 2]

No line was cut, no whale was freed Dm An' the captain's mind was not on greed But he belonged to the Whaleman's creed She took that ship in tow [Chorus 4] C Soon may the Wellerman come To bring us sugar and tea and rum One day, when the tonguing' is done Am We'll take our leave and go [Verse 5] Am For forty days or even more (ooh) The line went slack then tight once more All boats were lost, there were only four And still that whale did go [Chorus 5] 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

Am C

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 C

The Wellerman makes his regular call

E Am

To encourage the captain, crew and all

[Chorus 6]

Soon may the Wellerman come

Dm Am

To bring us sugar and tea and rum

F C

One day, when the tonguing' is done

E Am

We'll take our leave and go

[Chorus 7]

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