

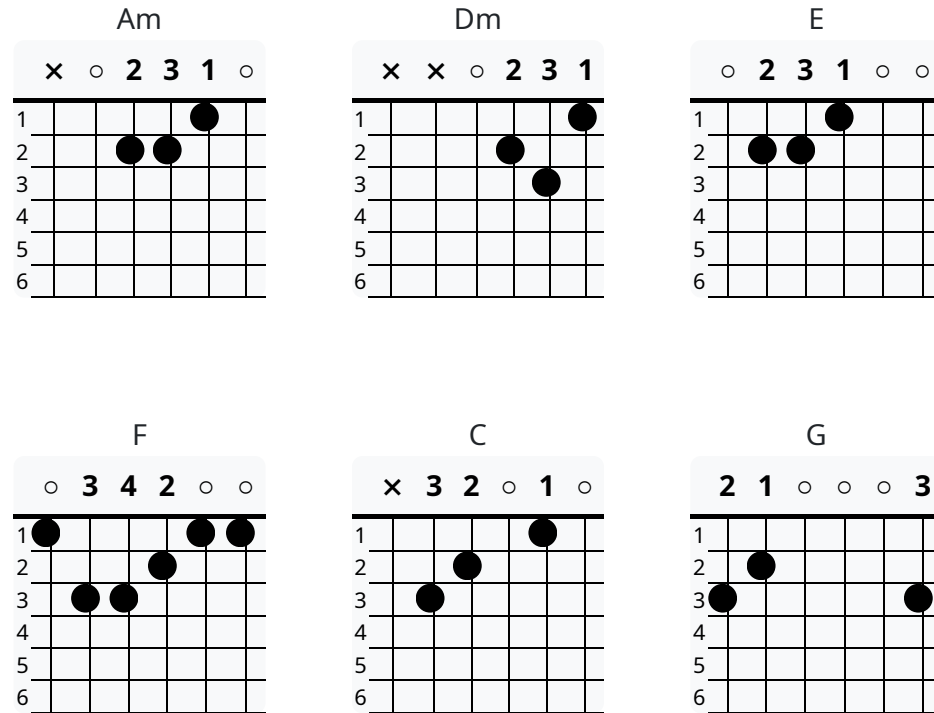
[The
Longest
Johns](#) -
Wellerman
(ver 1)

View on

Difficulty:
beginner

Capo: 3th
fret

Tuning: E
A D G B E
(Standard)



[Verse 1]

Am

There once was a ship that put to sea

Dm

Am

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

Am

The winds blew hard, her bow dipped down

E

Am

Blow, me bully boys, blow (huh!)

[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,

E

Am

We'll take our leave and go

[Verse 2]

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
E **Am**
He'd take that whale in tow (huh!)

[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,
E **Am**
We'll take our leave and go

[Verse 3]

Am
Before the boat had hit the water
Dm **Am**
The whale's tail came up and caught her
Am
All hands to the side, harpooned and fought her
E **Am**
When she dived down below (huh!)

[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,
E **Am**
We'll take our leave and go

[Verse 4]

Am

No line was cut, no whale was freed;

Dm

Am

The Captain's mind was not on greed

Am

But he belonged to the whaleman's creed;

E

Am

She took that ship in tow (huh!)

[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,

E

Am

We'll take our leave and go

[Verse 5]

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)

E

Am

But still that whale did go

[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,

E

Am

We'll take our leave and go

[Verse 6]

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

Dm

Am

To encourage the Captain, crew, and all

[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,

E

Am G

We'll take our leave and go

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,

E

Am

We'll take our leave and go