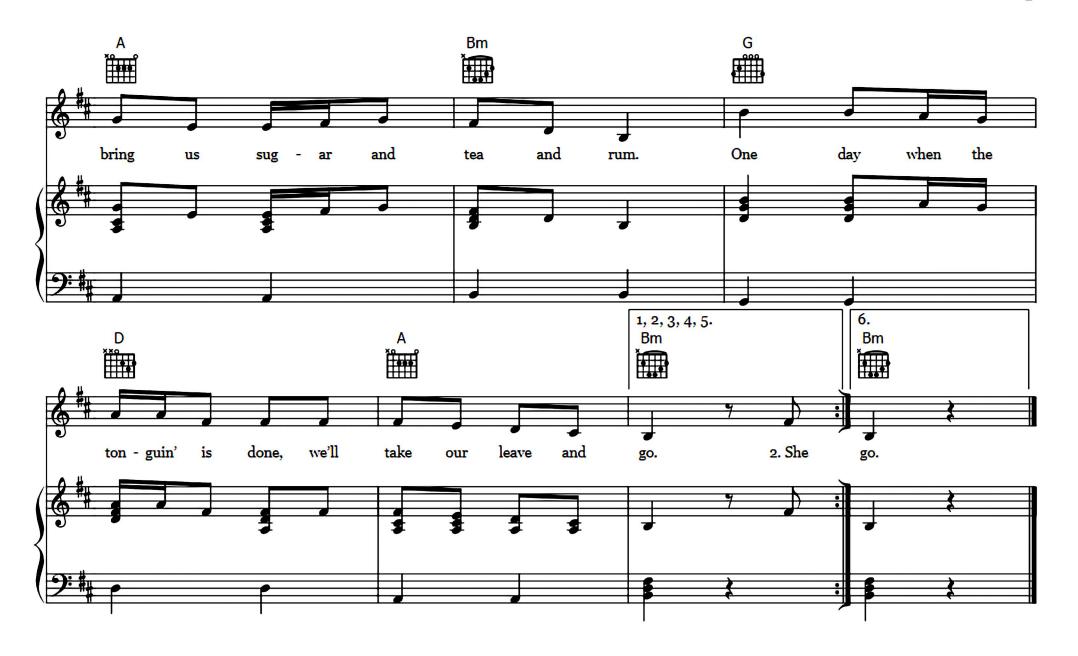
## **WELLERMAN**

New Zealand Folksong





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. (To Chorus)

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

For forty days or even more, The line went slack, then tight once more. All boats were lost (there were only four), But still the whale did go. (To 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. (To Chorus)