

# Wellerman

*Dm*

There once was a ship that put to sea

*Bb*

*Dm*

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

*Dm*

The winds blew hard, her bow dipped down oh

*Am*

*Dm*

Blow, me bully boys, blow (Hah!)

*Am* Beat drop 2 bars

*Chorus (repeat after each verse)*

*Bb5*

*F5*

Soon may the Wellerman come

*G5*

*D5*

To bring us sugar and tea and rum

*Bb5*

*F5*

One day, when the tonguin' is done

*A5*

*Dm*

We'll take our leave and go

She had 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 (Hah!)

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!)

*Solo (chords of 1 verse and 1 chorus)*

No line was cut, no whale was freed

The Captain's mind was not on greed

But he belonged to the whaleman's creed

She took that ship in tow (Huh!)

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

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 a regular call

To encourage the Captain, crew, and all

