

The Wellerman Rev 2.8.21

Traditional Sea Shanty. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SLiNQhQr4G4>

Key of Dm

Dm
There once was a ship that put to sea
Am Dm
And the name of that ship was the Billy o' Tea
Dm
The winds blew hard, her bow dipped down
Gm Am Dm
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
Dm Am Dm
We'll take our leave and go

Verse 2:

Dm
She had not been two weeks from shore
Am Dm
When down on her a right whale bore
Dm
The captain called all hands and swore
Gm Am Dm
He'd take that whale in tow (Hah!)

Chorus

Verse 3:

Dm
Before the boat had hit the water
Am Dm
The wha-le's tail came up and caught her
Dm
All hands to the side, harpooned and fought her
Gm Am Dm
When she dived down below (Huh!)

Chorus

Verse 4:

^{Dm}
No line was cut, no whale was freed;
^{Am} ^{Dm}
The Captain's mind was not on greed
^{Dm}
But he belonged to the whaleman's creed;
^{Gm} ^{Am} ^{Dm}
She took that ship in tow (Huh!)

Chorus

Verse 5:

^{Dm}
For forty days, or even more
^{Am} ^{Dm}
The line went slack, then tight once more
^{Dm}
All boats were lost, there were only four
^{Gm} ^{Am} ^{Dm}
But still that whale did go

Chorus

Verse 6:

^{Dm}
As far as I've heard, the fight's still on;
^{Am} ^{Dm}
The line's not cut and the whale's not gone
^{Dm}
The Wellerman makes his a regular call
^{Gm} ^{Am} ^{Dm}
To encourage the Captain and crew

To End: Chorus x2