

Wellerman – Chords

Am

There once was a ship that put to sea

Dm

Am

And the name of the 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

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]

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]

Am

No line was cut, no whale was freed;

Dm

Am

The captain's mind was not of greed

Am

But he belonged to the whaleman's creed;

E

Am

She took that ship in tow (huh!)

[Chorus]

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]

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] ×2