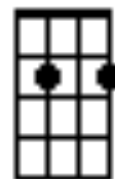


## The Wellerman

Em7



There [Am]once was a ship that put out to sea  
The [Dm]name of ship was The [Am]Billy o' Tea  
The winds blew up her bow dipped down  
Oh [Em7]blow my bully boys [Am]blow

*[F]Soon may the [C]Wellerman come  
To [Dm]bring us sugar and [Am]tea and rum  
[F]One day when the [C]tonguin' is done  
We'll [Em7]take our leave and [Am]go*

[Am]She had not been two weeks from shore  
When [Dm]down on her a [Am]right whale bore  
The [Am]captain called on hands and swore  
He'd [Em7]take that whale in [Am]tow

[Am]Before the boat had hit the water  
The [Dm]whale's tail came up [Am]and caught her  
All hands to the side harpooned and fought her  
When [Em7]she dived down [Am]below

No [Am]line was cut, no whale was freed  
The [Dm]captain's mind was [Am]not of greed  
But he belonged to the whaleman's creed  
She [Em7]took the ship in [Am]tow

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For [Am]forty days or even more  
The [Dm]line went slack then [Am]tight once more  
All boats were lost (there were only four)  
But [Em7]still the whale did [Am]go

As [Am]far as I know the fight's still on  
The [Dm]line's not cut and the [Am]whale's not gone  
The wellerman makes his usual call  
To the [Em7]captain, crew and [Am]all

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