



The Wellerman

Sea Shanty

Dm
 There once was a ship that put to sea
 Gm Dm
 And the name of the ship was the Billy of Tea
 Dm
 The winds blew hard, but her bow dipped down
 C Dm
 O blow, my bully boys, blow

Chorus

Bb F Gm Dm
 Soon may the Wellerman come to bring us sugar and tea and rum
 Bb F
 One day, when the tonguin' is done
 C Dm C Dm
 we'll take our leave and go

Dm
 She had not been two weeks from shore
 Gm Dm
 When down on her a right whale bore
 Dm
 The Captain called all hands and swore
 C Dm
 He'd take that whale in tow ... Chorus

Dm
 Before the boat had hit the water
 Gm Dm
 The whale's tail came up and caught her
 Dm
 All hands to the side, harpooned and fought her
 C Dm
 When she dived down below ... Chorus

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

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

Chorus

Bb F Gm Dm
Soon may the Wellerman come to bring us sugar and tea and rum
Bb F
One day, when the tongs is done
C Dm C Dm
we'll take our leave and go

Dm
As far as I've heard, the fight's still on
Gm Dm
The line's not cut, and the whales not gone
Dm
The Wellerman makes his regular call
C Dm
To encourage the Captain, crew and all ... Chorus x 2