

The Wellerman

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winds blew up, her bow dipped down Oh blow, my bul-ly boys blow (Huh)

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Soon may the Wel-ler-man come to bring us su-gar and tea and rum.

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One day, when the ton-guing is done. We'll take our leave and go.

There once was a ship that put to sea,
the name of the ship was the Billy of Tea
The winds blew up, her bow dipped down
Oh blow, my bully boys, blow (Huh!)

**Soon may the Wellerman come
To bring us sugar and tea and rum
One day, when the tonguing is done
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
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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
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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
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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
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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 regular call
To encourage the captain, crew, and all
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