

# THE WELLERMAN (Em) Sea Shanty

1. There (Em) once was a ship that put to sea  
The (C) name of the ship was the (Em) Billy of Tea  
The (Em) winds blew up, her bow dipped down  
Oh (G) blow, my (D) bully boys, (Em) blow (huh)

**(C) Soon may the (G) Wellerman come**  
**To (D) bring us sugar and (Em) tea and rum**  
**(C) One day, when the (G) tonguing is done**  
**We'll (D) take our leave and (Em) go**

2. The (Em) ship's not been two weeks from shore  
When (C) down on her a (Em) right whale bore  
The (Em) captain called all hands and swore  
He'd (G) take that (D) whale in (Em) tow (huh)  
**(C) Soon may the (G) Wellerman come...**

3. Be(Em)fore the boat had hit the water  
The (D) whale's tail came (Em) up and caught her  
All (Em) hands to the side, harpooned and fought her  
When (G) she dived (D) down be(Em)low (huh)  
**(C) Soon may the (G) Wellerman come...**

4. No (Em) line was cut, no whale was freed  
The (C) captain's mind was (Em) not of greed  
And (Em) he belonged to the Whaleman's creed  
She (G) took that (D) ship in (Em) tow (huh)  
**(C) Soon may the (G) Wellerman come...**



5. For (Em) forty days or even more  
The (C) line went slack then (Em) tight once more  
All (Em) boats were lost, there were only four  
But (G) still that (D) whale did (Em) go (huh)  
**(C) Soon may the (G) Wellerman come...**

6. As (Em) far as I've heard, the fight's still on  
The (C) line's not cut, and the (Em) whale's not gone  
The (Em) Wellerman makes his regular call  
To en(G)courage the (D) captain, (Em) crew and all (huh)  
**(C) Soon may the (G) Wellerman come...**  
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