

The Wellerman

Sea Shanty

Am Dm Am

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There once was a ship that put to sea, the name of the ship was the Billy o'Tea, the

6 E Am

6 winds blew hard, her bow dipped down, Oh, blow, me bul-ly boys, blow (Huh!)

10 F C Dm Am

10 Soon may the Well-er-man come to bring us su-gar and tea and rum.

The Wellerman

14 F C E Am

14 One day, when the ton-guin' is done We'll take our leave and go!

The musical score consists of a piano accompaniment with a treble and bass clef. The treble clef part has a melody with notes A, A, A, F, G, G, E, E, E, E, D, C, B, A. The bass clef part has chords C, F, C, E, E, B, A, E. Chords F, C, E, and Am are indicated above the treble clef staff.

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 (Huh!)
Chorus

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 below (Huh!)
Chorus

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 (Huh!)
Chorus

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 (Huh!)
Chorus

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 a regular call, to encourage the Captain, crew, and all.
Chorus