

Wellerman (Traditional “Sea Song” Ballad) (Am)

[Wellerman](#) by The Longest Johns (2018) – [Wellerman](#) by Nathan Evans (2022)

4/4 Time

Intro

F C E7 Am
~~One day, when the tonguin' is done, we'll take our leave and go.~~

Am Dm Am
There once was a ship that put to sea, and the name of the ship was the *Billy of Tea*.

Am C E7 Am
The winds blew hard, her bow dipped down. Oh blow, my bully boys, blow (*Hup!*)

Chorus

F C Dm Am
Soon may the Wellerman come to bring us sugar and tea and rum.

F C E7 Am
One day, when the tonguin' is done, we'll take our leave and go.

Am Dm Am
She had not been two weeks from shore when down on her a right whale bore.

Am C E7 Am
The captain called “all hands” and swore he'd take that whale in tow (*Hup!*) **Chorus**

Am Dm Am
Before the boat had hit the water, the whale's tail came up and caught her.

Am C E7 Am
All hands to the side, har-pooned and fought her when she dived down below (*Hup!*) **Chorus**

Am Dm Am
No line was cut, no whale was freed; the Captain's mind was not of greed

Am C E7 Am
But he belonged to the whaleman's creed; she took the ship in tow (*Hup!*) **Chorus**

Am Dm Am
For forty days, or even more, the line went slack, then tight once more.

Am C E7 Am
All boats were lost (there were only four) but still that whale did go (*Hup!*) **Chorus**

Am Dm Am
As far as I've heard, the fight's still on; the line's not cut and the whale's not gone.

Am C E7 Am
The Wellerman makes his regular call to encourage the Captain, crew, and all. **Chorus (2x)**

Outro (*Ritard.*)

E7 G Am
Take- our - leave - and – Gooooooooo-oh!

For a “cups” rhythm see [Wellerman Cups Practice Video](#).

Wellerman (Traditional “Sea Song” Ballad) (Dm)

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4/4 Time

Intro

Bb F A7 Dm
~~One day, when the tonguin' is done, we'll take our leave and go.~~

Dm Gm Dm
There once was a ship that put to sea, and the name of the ship was the *Billy of Tea*.
Dm F A7 Dm
The winds blew hard, her bow dipped down. Oh blow, my bully boys, blow (*Hup!*)

Chorus

Bb F Gm Dm
Soon may the Wellerman come to bring us sugar and tea and rum.
Bb F A7 Dm
One day, when the tonguin' is done, we'll take our leave and go.

Dm Gm Dm
She had not been two weeks from shore when down on her a right whale bore.
Dm F A7 Dm
The captain called “all hands” and swore he'd take that whale in tow (*Hup!*) **Chorus**

Dm Gm Dm
Before the boat had hit the water, the whale's tail came up and caught her.
Dm F A7 Dm
All hands to the side, har-pooned and fought her when she dived down below (*Hup!*) **Chorus**

Dm Gm Dm
No line was cut, no whale was freed; the Captain's mind was not of greed
Dm F A7 Dm
But he belonged to the whaleman's creed; she took the ship in tow (*Hup!*) **Chorus**

Dm Gm Dm
For forty days, or even more, the line went slack, then tight once more.
Dm F A7 Dm
All boats were lost (there were only four) but still that whale did go (*Hup!*) **Chorus**

Dm Gm Dm
As far as I've heard, the fight's still on; the line's not cut and the whale's not gone.
Dm F A7 Dm
The Wellerman makes his regular call to encourage the Captain, crew, and all. **Chorus (2x)**

Outro (*Ritard.*)

A7 C Dm
Take- our - leave - and – Gooooooooo-oh!

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Wellerman (Traditional “Sea Song” Ballad) (Em)

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4/4 Time

Intro

C G B7 Em
~~One day, when the tonguin' is done, we'll take our leave and go.~~

Em Am Em
There once was a ship that put to sea, and the name of the ship was the *Billy of Tea*.

Em G B7 Em
The winds blew hard, her bow dipped down. Oh blow, my bully boys, blow (*Hup!*)

Chorus

C G Am Em
Soon may the Wellerman come to bring us sugar and tea and rum.

C G B7 Em
One day, when the tonguin' is done, we'll take our leave and go.

Em Am Em
She had not been two weeks from shore when down on her a right whale bore.

Em G B7 Em
The captain called “all hands” and swore he'd take that whale in tow (*Hup!*) **Chorus**

Em Am Em
Before the boat had hit the water, the whale's tail came up and caught her.

Em G B7 Em
All hands to the side, har-pooned and fought her when she dived down below (*Hup!*) **Chorus**

Em Am Em
No line was cut, no whale was freed; the Captain's mind was not of greed

Em G B7 Em
But he belonged to the whaleman's creed; she took the ship in tow (*Hup!*) **Chorus**

Em Am Em
For forty days, or even more, the line went slack, then tight once more.

Em G B7 Em
All boats were lost (there were only four) but still that whale did go (*Hup!*) **Chorus**

Em Am Em
As far as I've heard, the fight's still on; the line's not cut and the whale's not gone.

Em G B7 Em
The Wellerman makes his regular call to encourage the Captain, crew, and all. **Chorus (2x)**

Outro (*Ritard.*)

B7 D Em
Take- our - leave - and – Gooooooooo-oh!

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