Wellerman (Traditional "Sea Song" Ballad) (Bm)

Wellerman by The Longest Johns (2018) – **Wellerman** by Nathan Evans (2022)

4/4 Time

<mark>Intro</mark>

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     G              D                    F#7          Bm
~~One day, when the tonguin' is done, we'll take our leave and go.~~
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     Bm                                  Em              Bm
There once was a ship that put to sea, and the name of the ship was the Billy of Tea.
     Bm            D                F#7              Bm
The winds blew hard, her bow dipped down.  Oh blow, my bully boys, blow  (Hup!)
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<mark>Chorus</mark>

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     G            D               Em            Bm
   Soon may the Wellerman come to bring us sugar and tea and rum.
     G            D                 F#7          Bm
   One day, when the tonguin' is done, we'll take our leave and go.
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     Bm                                  Em        Bm
She had not been two weeks from shore when down on her a right whale bore.
     Bm          D                 F#7             Bm
The captain called "all hands" and swore he'd take that whale in tow  (Hup!)
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<mark>Chorus</mark>

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Bm                              Em          Bm
Before the boat had hit the water, the whale's tail came up and caught her.
     Bm              D                      F#7          Bm
All hands to the side, har-pooned and fought her when she dived down below (Hup!)
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<mark>Chorus</mark>

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     Bm                              Em            Bm
No line was cut, no whale was freed; the Captain's mind was not of greed
     Bm             D               F#7          Bm
But he belonged to the whaleman's creed; she took the ship in tow  (Hup!)
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<mark>Chorus</mark>

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     Bm                              Em            Bm
For forty days, or even more, the line went slack, then tight once more.
     Bm                D          F#7             Bm
All boats were lost (there were only four) but still that whale did go   (Hup!)
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<mark>Chorus</mark>

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     Bm                              Em              Bm
As far as I've heard, the fight's still on; the line's not cut and the whale's not gone.
     Bm              D          F#7              Bm
The Wellerman makes his regular call to encourage the Captain, crew, and all.
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<mark>Chorus</mark> **(2x)**

<mark>Outro</mark> (***Ritard.***)

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F#7          A          Bm
Take- our - leave - and – Goooooooo-oh!
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For a "cups" rhythm see Wellerman Cups Practice Video.