

Wellerman

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(Sea Shanty)

**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*)**

Kor:

*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'd 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*)**

Kor: Soon may the Wellerman come....

*Da-da-da-da-da
Da-da-da-da-da-da-da
Da-da-da-da-da-da-da-da-da-da-da*

**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 (*huh*)**

Kor: Soon may the Wellerman come....

**No line was cut, no whale was freed
The captain's mind was not of greed
And he belonged to the Whaleman's creed
She took that ship in tow (*huh*)**

Kor: Soon may the Wellerman come....

Da-da-da-da-da.....

**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*)**

Kor: Soon may the Wellerman come....

**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....**

Kor:

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