

# The Wellerman

**Am**  
There once was a ship that put to sea  
**Dm** **Am**  
The name of the ship was the Billy of Tea  
**Am**  
The winds blew up, her bow dipped down  
**Em** **Am**  
O blow, my bully boys, blow

**F** **C**  
Soon may the Wellerman come  
**Dm** **Am**  
To bring us sugar and tea and rum  
**F** **C**  
One day, when the tonguin' is done  
**Em** **Am**  
We'll take our leave and go

**Am**  
She had not been two weeks from shore  
**Dm** **Am**  
When down on her a right whale bore  
**Am**  
The captain called all hands and swore  
**Em** **Am**  
He'd take that whale in tow

**F** **C**  
Soon may the Wellerman come  
**Dm** **Am**  
To bring us sugar and tea and rum  
**F** **C**  
One day, when the tonguin' is done  
**Em** **Am**  
We'll take our leave and go

**Am**  
Before the boat had hit the water  
**Dm** **Am**  
The whale's tail came up and caught her  
**Am**  
All hands to the side, harpooned and  
fought her  
**Em** **Am**  
When she dived down below

**F** **C**  
Soon may the Wellerman come  
**Dm** **Am**  
To bring us sugar and tea and rum  
**F** **C**  
One day, when the tonguin' is done  
**Em** **Am**  
We'll take our leave and go

**Am**  
No line was cut, no whale was freed  
**Dm** **Am**  
The Captain's mind was not of greed  
**Am**  
But he belonged to the whaleman's creed  
**Em** **Am**  
She took the ship in tow

**F** **C**  
Soon may the Wellerman come  
**Dm** **Am**  
To bring us sugar and tea and rum  
**F** **C**  
One day, when the tonguin' is done  
**Em** **Am**  
We'll take our leave and go

**Am**  
For forty days, or even more  
**Dm** **Am**  
The line went slack, then tight once more  
**Am**  
All boats were lost, there were only four  
**Em** **Am**  
But still that whale did go

**F** **C**  
Soon may the Wellerman come  
**Dm** **Am**  
To bring us sugar and tea and rum  
**F** **C**  
One day, when the tonguin' is done  
**Em** **Am**  
We'll take our leave and go

**Am**  
As far as I've heard, the fight's still on  
**Dm** **Am**  
The line's not cut and the whale's not gone  
**Am**  
The Wellerman makes his regular call  
**Em** **Am**  
To encourage the Captain, crew, and all

**F** **C**  
Soon may the Wellerman come  
**Dm** **Am**  
To bring us sugar and tea and rum  
**F** **C**  
One day, when the tonguin' is done  
**Em** **Am**  
We'll take our leave and go  
**REPEAT CHORUS to END**