

Wellerman

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Soon may the Wel-ler man come. To bring us su-gar and tea and rum.

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One day, when the ton-king is done we'll take our leave and go. _____

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Oohh _____ Ooh _____

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- - - - - and the wha-al's not gone

1. 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)

Refrain

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

2. 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)

3. 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)

4. 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)

5. *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)

6. 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 (huh)