

Wellerman by The Longest Johns

[Verse 1]

Am

There once was a ship that put to sea

Dm

Am

And the name of the ship was the Billy of Tea, The winds blew hard

E

Am E Am

Her bow dipped down, O blow, my bully boys, blow

[Chorus]

F

C

Dm

Am

Soon may the Wellerman come, To bring us sugar and tea and rum

F

C

E

Am E Am

One day, when the tonguin' is done, We'll take our leave and go

[Verse 2]

Am

Dm

Am

She had not been two weeks from shore, When down on her a right

Am

whale bore

The captain called all hands and swore

E

Am E Am

He'd take that whale in tow

[Chorus]

F

C

Dm

Am

Soon may the Wellerman come, To bring us sugar and tea and rum

F

C

E

Am E Am

One day, when the tonguin' is done, We'll take our leave and go

[Verse 3]

Am

Dm

Am

her

Before the boat had hit the water, The wha-le's tail came up and caught

Am

E

Am

All hands to the side, harpooned and fought her when she dived down below

[Chorus]

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

[Verse 4]

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

[Chorus]

[Verse 5]

Am Dm Am
For forty days, or even more the line went slack, then tight once more
Am E Am
All boats were lost (there were only four) but still that whale did go

[Chorus]

[Verse 6]

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 Dm
The Wellerman makes his regular call to encourage the Captain,
Am E Am
Crew, and all

[Chorus] 2x

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