

The Wellerman

(Nathan Evans 2021 --- Original Trad 1800)

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There [Am] once was a ship that put to sea
The [Dm] name of the ship was the [Am] Billy o' Tea
The winds blew up, her bow dipped down
Oh [E7] blow my bully boys, [Am] blow, uh!

Chorus: [F] Soon, may, the [C] Wellerman come
[Dm] To bring us sugar and [Am] tea and rum
[F] One day, when the [C] tonguin' is done
We'll [E7] take our leave and [Am] go /// ///

[Am] She'd not been two weeks from shore
When [Dm] down on her a [Am] Right whale bore
The captain called all hands and swore
He'd [E7] take that whale in [Am] tow, uh!

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Interlude: [F] Da, da, da [C] da-da dat da
[Dm] Da da dat da-da [Am] da dat da
[F] Da, da, da [C] da-da dat da
Da [E7] da dat da dat [Am] da /// ///

Be[Am]fore the boat had hit the water
The [Dm] whale's tail came [Am] up and caught her
All hands to the side, harpooned and fought her
[E7] When she dived down [Am] low, uh!

Chorus:

No [Am] line was cut, no whale was freed
The [Dm] captain's mind was [Am] not of greed
And he belonged to the whaleman's creed
[E7] She took that ship in [Am] tow, uh!

Chorus:

Interlude:

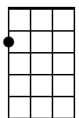
For [Am] forty days, or even more
The [Dm] line went slack, then [Am] tight once more
All boats were lost (there were only four)
But [E7] still that whale did [Am] go, uh!

Chorus:

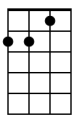
As [Am] far as I've heard, the fight's still on
The [Dm] line's not cut and the [Am] whale's not gone
The Wellerman makes his regular call
To [E7] encourage the Captain, [Am] crew and all

Chorus Twice: .(Finish with uh!)

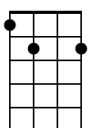
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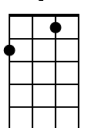
Dm



E7



F



C

