

# The Wellerman

Cm G7 Cm **A** Cm

1. There once was a ship that put to sea the

7 Fm Cm

Name of that ship was the Bil ly o' Tea The winds blew hard, her bow dipped down

11 G7 Cm **B** A♭ E♭ Fm Cm

Blow me bul lyboys blow. Soon may the Weller man come to bring us su gar and tea and rum.

17 A♭ E♭ G7 Cm

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.**

****B** Soon may the Wellerman come . . .**

**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 below.**

****B** Soon may the Wellerman come . . .**

**4. No line was cut, no whale was freed, An' the captain's mind was not on greed!**

**But he belonged to the Whaleman's creed she took that ship in tow**

****B** Soon may the Wellerman come . . .**

**5. For forty days or even more, the line went slack then tight once more,**

**All boats were lost, there were only four and still that whale did go.**

****B** Soon may the Wellerman come . . .**

**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!**

****B** Soon may the Wellerman come . . .**