

Wellerman

Traditional

♩ = 100

1. There once was a ship that put to sea, And the name of that ship was the

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Bill - y o' Tea. The winds blew hard, her bow dipped down, Blow, me bull - y boys,

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A E B⁷ C#m

blow! (Huh!) Soon may the Well-er-man come, to bring us su-gar and tea and rum.
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One day when the tongu-in' is done, We'll take our leave and go.
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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.

Chorus

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.

Chorus

4.No line was cut, no whale was freed,
The captain's mind was not on greed,
But he belonged to the Whaleman's creed,
She took that ship in tow.

Chorus

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.

Chorus

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!

Chorus x2