There [Am] once was a ship that put to sea
The [Dm] name of the ship....Was the [Am] Billy o' Tea....(No Pause)
The winds blew up,....her bow dipped down
'O' [E7] blow, my bully boys, [Am] blow....(Huh!)

[F] Soon may the [C] Wellerman come
To [Dm] 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...We'll [E7] take our leave and [Am] go

She'd [Am] not been two weeks from shore
When [Dm] down on her,......A [Am] right whale bore....(No Pause)
The captain called all hands and Swore
He'd [E7] take that whale in [Am] tow.... (Huh!)

Chorus: [F] Soon may the [C] Wellerman come....Etc

[F] Da-da, da-[C]da-da-da
Da-[Dm]da-da-da, da-da-[Am]da-da-da
[F] Da-da, da-[C]da-da-da
Da-[E7]da-da-da-da-[Am]da

Be-[Am]-fore the boat had hit the water
The [Dm] whale's.......tail....Came up and [Am] caught her....(No Pause)
Hands to the side, harpooned and fought her
[E7] When she dived down [Am] low..... (Huh!)

[F] Soon may the [C] Wellerman come
To [Dm] 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...We'll [E7] take our leave and [Am] go

No [Am] line was cut,

No [Am] line was cut, No whale was freed
The [Dm] Captain's mind was…..Not of [Am] greed….(No Pause)
And he belonged to the whaleman's creed
She [E7] took that ship in [Am] tow…. **(Huh!)**

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[F] One day, when the [C] tonguin'is done
We'll [E7] take our leave and [Am] go…We'll [E7] take our leave and [Am] go

[F] Da-da, da-[C]da-da-da
Da-[Dm]da-da-da, da-da-[Am]da-da-da
[F] Da-da, da-[C]da-da-da
Da-[E7]da-da-da-da-[Am]da

For [Am] forty days, or even more
The [Dm] line went slack, then….[Am] Tight once more….(No Pause)
All boats were lost, there were only four
But [E7] still that whale did [Am] go…. **(Huh!)**

Chorus: [F] Soon may the [C] Wellerman come….Etc

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….(No Pause)
The Wellerman makes his regular call
To en-[E7]-courage the Captain, [Am] crew, and all….

[F] Soon may the [C] Wellerman come
To [Dm] 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….Repeat and Finish with Line Below
We'll [E7] take our leave and [Am] go…. **(Huh!)**