

Wellerman

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COUPLET 1

There once was a ship that put to sea
The name of the ship was the Billy of Tea
The winds blew up, her bow dipped down
O blow, my bully boys, blow (huh)

REFREIN

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

COUPLET 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 (huh)

REFREIN /REFREIN MELODIE (da da)

COUPLET 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 low (huh)

REFREIN



COUPLET 4

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

REFREIN /REFREIN MELODIE (da da)

COUPLET 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

REFREIN

COUPLET 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

REFREIN 2x