

The Wellerman (in Am)

<https://youtu.be/vmZCCtle3HI>

The Wellerman was a resupply ship.
Tonguin' - the last stage of whale butchering

U.S. Navy Band

<https://youtu.be/MtANV0k1dbY>

Harmonies:

<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/7FCf7Sk1kKY>

Intro: [knock] [knock] [knock] [knock]

(some keep knocking throughout, some play chords)

[Verse 1]

There [Am]once was a ship that put to sea
And the [Dm]name of that ship was the [Am]Billy o'Tea
The [Am]winds blew hard, her bow dipped down
[E7]Blow, me bully boys, [Am]blow (huh!)

[Chorus]

[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

[Verse 2]

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

[Chorus]

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To [Dm]bring us sugar and [Am]tea and rum
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[Da Daas]

[F]Daa Daa Da	[C]Da Da Daa Da
[Dm]Da Da Da Da	[Am]Da Da Daa
[F]Daa Daa Da	[C]Da Da Daa Da
[E7]Da Da Da Da	[Am]Da Da Daa

[Verse 3]

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

[Chorus]

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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

[Verse 4]

No [Am] line was cut, no whale was freed;
The [Dm] Captain's mind was [Am] not on greed
But [Am] he belonged to the whaleman's creed;
She [E7] took that ship in [Am] tow (huh!)

[Chorus]

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[Dm] Da Da Da Da	[Am] Da Da Daa
[F] Daa Daa Da	[C] Da Da Daa Da
[E7] Da Da Da Da	[Am] Da Da Daa

[Verse 5]

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

[Chorus]

[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

[Verse 6]

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 [Am] Wellerman makes his regular call
To [Dm] encourage the Captain, [Am] crew, and all

[Chorus]

[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

[Chorus again, sing & knock only]

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

[END]