

SOON MAY THE WELLERMAN COME

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There once was a ship that put to sea

Dm/

Am/

And the name of that ship was the Billy o' Tea

Am/

Am/

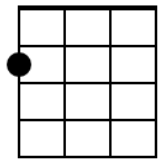
The winds blew hard her bow dipped down

E7/

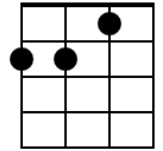
Am/

Blow me bully boys blow (huh)

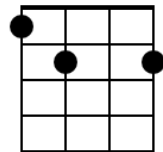
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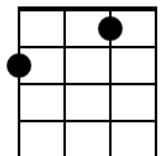
Dm



E7



F



---CHORUS-----

F/

C/

Soon may the Wellerman come

Dm/

Am/

To bring us sugar and tea and rum

F/

C/

One day when the tonguing is done

E7/

Am/

We'll take our leave and go

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Am/

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Now she'd not been two weeks from shore

Dm/

Am/

When down on her a right whale bore

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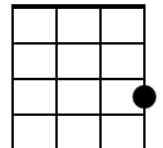
The captain called all hands and swore

E7/

Am/

He'd take that whale in tow (huh)

C



---CHORUS---

Am/

Am/

Before the boat had hit the water

Dm/

Am/

The whale's tail came up and caught her

Am/

Am/

All hands to the side harpooned and fought her

E7/

Am/

When she dived down low (huh)

---CHORUS---

**Am/**                      **Am/**  
No line was cut no whale was freed  
**Dm/**                      **Am/**  
The captain's mind was not of greed  
**Am/**                      **Am/**  
And he belonged to the Whaleman's creed  
**E7/**                      **Am/**  
She took that ship in tow (huh)

---CHORUS---

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

---CHORUS---

**Am/**                      **Am/**  
As far as I've heard the fight's still on  
**Dm/**                      **Am/**  
The line's not cut, and the whale's not gone  
**Am/**                      **Am/**  
The Wellerman makes his regular call  
**E7/**                      **Am/**  
To encourage the captain crew and all (huh)

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