

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 b-low, my bully boys, blow, huh!

Chorus: 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

2. She'd 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!

Chorus: [Repeat Chorus]

Interlude: Da da da-da dat da, da-da dat da da-da da dat da
Da da da-da dat da, da-da dat da dat da

3. Before the boat had hit the water, the wha-le's tail came up and caught her
All hands to the side, harpooned and fought her, when she dived down low, huh!

Chorus: [Repeat Chorus]

4. No line was cut, no whale was freed, the captain's mind was not of greed
And he belonged to the whaleman's creed, she took that ship in tow, huh!

Chorus: [Repeat Chorus]

Interlude: Da da da-da dat da, da-da dat da da-da da dat da
Da da da-da dat da, da-da dat da dat da

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, huh!

Chorus: [Repeat 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
(huh!)

Outro: [Repeat Chorus 2x]

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