

Nathan Evans - Wellerman (Sea Shanty)

tom:

Cm

There once was a ship that put to sea
Fm Cm
 And the name of the ship was the Billy of Tea
Cm
 The winds blew hard, her bow dipped down
G Cm
 O blow, my bully boys, blow

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

Cm
 She had not been two weeks from shore
Fm Cm
 When down on her a right whale bore
Cm
 The captain called all hands and swore
G Cm
 He'd take that whale in tow

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(**Ab Eb Fm Cm**)
 (**Ab Eb G Cm**)

Cm
 Before the boat had hit the water
Fm Cm
 The whale's tail came up and caught her
Cm
 All hands to the side, harpooned and fought her
G Cm
 When she dived down below

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

Cm
 No line was cut, no whale was freed
Fm Cm

The Captain's mind was not of greed
Cm
 But he belonged to the whaleman's creed
G Cm
 She took the ship in tow

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 (**Ab Eb G Cm**)

Cm
 For forty days, or even more
Fm Cm
 The line went slack, then tight once more
Cm
 All boats were lost (there were only four)
G Cm
 But still that whale did go

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

Cm
 As far as I've heard, the fight's still on
Fm Cm
 The line's not cut and the whale's not gone
Cm
 The Wellerman makes his regular call
Fm Cm
 To encourage the Captain, crew, and all

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Acordes

