

## Wellerman by Nathan Evans

There once was a ship that put to sea  
The name of the ship was the Billy of Tea  
The winds \_\_\_\_\_ (=sound of wind, past simple) up, her bow  
dipped down  
O blow, my bully boys, blow (Huh!)

### [Chorus]

\_\_\_\_\_ (=shortly) may the Wellerman come  
To bring us sugar and \_\_\_\_\_ (=hot herbal drink that English people love) and rum  
One day, when the tonguin' is done  
We'll take our \_\_\_\_\_ (=depart) and go

She'd not been two weeks from \_\_\_\_\_ (=coastline)  
When down on her, a right \_\_\_\_\_ (=big water mammal) bore  
The captain called all hands and swore  
He'd take that whale in tow (Huh!)

### [Chorus]

Before the boat had hit the water  
The whale's tail came up and \_\_\_\_\_ (=captured) her  
All hands to the side, harpooned and \_\_\_\_\_ (=battled) her  
When she dived down low (Huh!)

### [Chorus]

No line was cut, no whale was freed  
The Captain's \_\_\_\_\_ (=intention, opinion) was not of greed  
And he belonged to the whaleman's creed  
She took that \_\_\_\_\_ (a very large boat) in tow (Huh!)

### [Chorus]

For forty days, or even more  
The line went slack, then tight once more  
All boats were \_\_\_\_\_ (=past of lose), there were only four  
But still that whale did go (Huh!)

### [Chorus]

As far as I've \_\_\_\_\_ (=past of hear), the fight's still on  
The line's not cut and the whale's not gone  
The Wellerman makes his regular \_\_\_\_\_ (=here: visit)  
To encourage the Captain, crew, and all (Huh!)

### [Chorus 2x]

