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]

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