

Wellerman - Sea shanty by Nathan Evans

a) Match the words in red with the pictures



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
Oh blow, my bully boys, blow (huh)



Soon may the **Wellerman** come
To bring us **sugar** and **tea** and **rum**
One day, when the **tonguing** is done
We'll take our leave and go



b) Choose the correct word

She'd not been two **weeks / weaks** from shore
When down on her a right whale bore
The captain called all hands and swore
He'd take that **while / whale** in tow (huh)

Soon may the Wellerman come ...

Before the boat had hit the water
The whale's tail came up and **cough / caught** her
All hands to the side, harpooned and fought her
When she **dived / died** down low (huh)

Soon may the Wellerman come...

c) Use the words below to complete the lines

Creed four greed tight freed forty

No line was cut, no whale was

The captain's mind was not of

And he belonged to the Whaleman's

She took that ship in tow (huh)

Soon may the Wellerman come...

For days or even more

The line went slack then once more

All boats were lost, there were only

But still that whale did go (huh)

Soon may the Wellerman come...

d) Order the lines

_____ The line's not cut, and the whale's not gone

_____ As far as I've heard, the fight's still on

_____ To encourage the captain, crew and all (huh)

_____ The Wellerman makes his regular call

Soon may the Wellerman come...