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)

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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…

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