

# Wellerman - Sea shanty by Nathan Evans

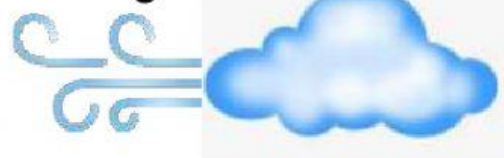
## a) Match the words in red with the pictures



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...