

Intro [Am] [Am] [Dm] [F] [Am] [Am] [E7] [Am]

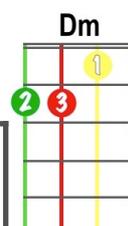


V1: There [Am] once was a ship that [Am] put to sea
And the [Dm] name of that ship was the [F] Billy o' Tea
The [Am] winds blew hard, her [Am] bow dipped down
[E7] Blow, me bully boys, [Am] blow (huh)

C: [F] Soon may the [C] Wellerman come
To [Dm] bring us sugar and [Am] tea and rum
[F] One day, when the [C] tonguing is done
We'll [E7] take our leave and [Am] go

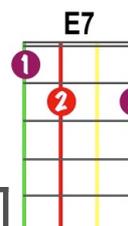


V2: She [Am] had not been two [Am] weeks from shore
When [Dm] down on her a [F] right whale bore
The [Am] captain called all [Am] hands and swore
He'd [E7] take that whale in [Am] tow (huh)



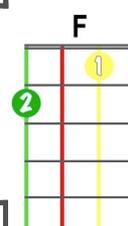
C: [F] Soon may the [C] Wellerman come.....
[F] Da da da-da da da..... [C] [Dm] [Am] [F] [C] [E7] [Am]

V3: Be- [Am] -fore the boat had [Am] hit the water
The [Dm] whale's tail came [F] up and caught her
All [Am] hands to the side, har- [Am] -pooned and fought her
[E7] When she dived down [Am] low (huh)



C: [F] Soon may the [C] Wellerman come.....

V4: No [Am] line was cut, no [Am] whale was freed
An' the [Dm] captain's mind was [F] not on greed
But [Am] he belonged to the [Am] Whaleman's creed
She [E7] took that ship in [Am] tow (huh)



C: [F] Soon may the [C] Wellerman come.....
[F] Da da da-da da da..... [C] [Dm] [Am] [F] [C] [E7] [Am]

V5: For [Am] forty days or [Am] even more (ooh)
The [Dm] line went slack then [F] tight once more
All [Am] boats were lost, there were [Am] only four
And [E7] still that whale did [Am] go

C: [F] Soon may the [C] Wellerman come.....

V6: As [Am] far as I've heard, the [Am] fight's still on
The [Dm] line's not cut, and the [F] whale's not gone
The [Am] Wellerman makes his [Am] regular call
To [E7] encourage the captain, [Am] crew and all

C: [F] Soon may the [C] Wellerman come.....

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