

**Am**

There once was a ship that put to sea

**Dm**

**Am**

And the name of the ship was the Billy o' Tea

**Am**

The winds blew hard, her bow dipped down

**E**

**Am**

Blow, me bully boys, blow (huh!)

[Chorus]

**F**

**C**

Soon may the Wellerman come

**Dm**

**Am**

To bring us sugar and tea and rum

**F**

**C**

One day, when the tonguin' is done,

**E**

**Am**

We'll take our leave and go

[Verse 2]

**Am**

She had not been two weeks from shore

**Dm**

**Am**

When down on her a right whale bore

**Am**

The captain called all hands and swore

**E**

**Am**

He'd take that whale in tow (huh!)

[Chorus]

**F**

**C**

Soon may the Wellerman come

**Dm**

**Am**

To bring us sugar and tea and rum

**F**

**C**

One day, when the tonguin' is done,

**E**

**Am**

We'll take our leave and go

[Verse 3]

**Am**  
Before the boat had hit the water  
**Dm** **Am**  
The whale's tail came up and caught her  
**Am**  
All hands to the side, harpooned and fought her  
**E** **Am**  
When she dived down below (huh!)

[Chorus]

**F** **C**  
Soon may the Wellerman come  
**Dm** **Am**  
To bring us sugar and tea and rum  
**F** **C**  
One day, when the tonguin' is done,  
**E** **Am**  
We'll take our leave and go

[Verse 4]

**Am**  
No line was cut, no whale was freed;  
**Dm** **Am**  
The Captain's mind was not of greed  
**Am**  
But he belonged to the whaleman's creed;  
**E** **Am**  
She took the ship in tow (huh!)

[Chorus]

**F** **C**  
Soon may the Wellerman come  
**Dm** **Am**  
To bring us sugar and tea and rum  
**F** **C**

One day, when the tonguin' is done,

**E** **Am**

We'll take our leave and go

[Verse 5]

**Am**

For forty days, or even more

**Dm** **Am**

The line went slack, then tight once more

**Am**

All boats were lost (there were only four)

**E** **Am**

But still that whale did go

[Chorus]

**F** **C**

Soon may the Wellerman come

**Dm** **Am**

To bring us sugar and tea and rum

**F** **C**

One day, when the tonguin' is done,

**E** **Am**

We'll take our leave and go

[Verse 6]

**Am**

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

**Dm** **Am**

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

**Am**

The Wellerman makes his regular call

**Dm** **Am**

To encourage the Captain, crew, and all

[Chorus]

**F** **C**

Soon may the Wellerman come

Wellerman. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qP-7GNoDJ5c>

**Dm**                      **Am**  
To bring us sugar and tea and rum  
**F**                              **C**  
One day, when the tonguin' is done,  
         **E**                              **Am G**  
We'll take our leave and go

**F**                              **C**  
Soon may the Wellerman come  
         **Dm**                              **Am**  
To bring us sugar and tea and rum  
**F**                              **C**  
One day, when the tonguin' is done,  
         **E**                              **Am**  
We'll take our leave and go