The Wellerman

New Zealand, 1860's – Author Unknown

Am)m	Am
There once was a ship that put to	sea, and the r	name of that s	ship was the Billy o' Tea
	Di	m	Am
The winds blew hard, her bow dipp			
CHORUS			
F C	Dm	Am	
Soon may the Wellerman come, to	bring us sug	ar and tea and	d rum
F C	Dm		Am
One day, when the tonguin' is done		our leave and	
[Verse 2]			
Am		Dm	Am
She had not been two weeks from	shore, when	down on her	a right whale bore
	Dm	1	Am
The captain called all hands and sv			
	vo.c, ne a tar	ic that whate	
CHORUS			
F C	Dm	Am	
Soon may the Wellerman come, to	bring us sug	ar and tea and	d rum
F C	Dm		Am
One day, when the tonguin' is done	e, we'll take d	our leave and g	go
[Verse 3]			
F C	Dm	Am	
Before the boat had hit the water,	the whale's t	ail came up a	nd caught her
		Dm	Am
All hands to the side harpooned ar	nd fought her	, when she div	ved down below (Huh!)
CHORUS			
F C	Dm	Am	
Soon may the Wellerman come, to	bring us sug	ar and tea and	d rum
F C	Dm		Am
One day, when the tonguin' is done		our leave and	

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[Verse 4]					
F (C	Dm	Am	1	
No line was cut	, no whale wa	as freed, the Capta	ain's mind v	was not on greed.	
			Dm	Am	
But he belonge	d to the whal	eman's creed. Sh	e took that	ship in tow (Huh!)	
CHORUS					
	C	Dm	Am	n	
		me, to bring us sug			
F	С	Dm		Am	
		is done, we'll take	our leave d		
One day, when	the tongum i	3 done, we il take	our reave c	ma go	
[Verse 5]					
F	С	Dm	An	n	
For forty days,	or even more	, the line went sla	ck, then tig	ht once more	
All boats were	lost, there we	D)m	Am	
All boats were	lost, there we)m	Am	
	lost, there we	D)m	Am	
CHORUS	lost, there we	re only four, but s	om itill that wh	Am ale did go	
CHORUS F (C	D	om still that wh	Am ale did go	
CHORUS F (Soon may the V	C Wellerman coi	Dm ne, to bring us sug	om still that wh	Am vale did go	
CHORUS F (Soon may the V	C Wellerman cor C	re only four, but s Dm me, to bring us sug	om Still that wh Am gar and tea	Am hale did go hale and rum Am	
CHORUS F (Soon may the V	C Wellerman cor C	Dm ne, to bring us sug	om Still that wh Am gar and tea	Am hale did go hale and rum Am	
CHORUS F (Soon may the V	C Wellerman cor C	re only four, but s Dm me, to bring us sug	om Still that wh Am gar and tea	Am hale did go hale and rum Am	
CHORUS F (Soon may the V	C Wellerman cor C	re only four, but s Dm me, to bring us sug	om Still that wh Am gar and tea	Am hale did go hale and rum Am	
CHORUS F Soon may the V F One day, when	C Wellerman cor C	re only four, but s Dm me, to bring us sug	om Still that wh Am gar and tea our leave o	Am hale did go hale and rum Am	
CHORUS F Soon may the V F One day, when [Verse 6] F	C Vellerman cor C the tonguin' i	Dm me, to bring us sug Dm is done, we'll take	om still that wh Am gar and tea our leave o	Am hale did go hale and rum Am hand go	one
CHORUS F Soon may the V F One day, when [Verse 6] F	C Vellerman cor C the tonguin' i	Dm me, to bring us sug Dm is done, we'll take	om Still that when the sti	Am hale did go har and rum Am hand go Am	one

REPEAT CHORUS TWICE