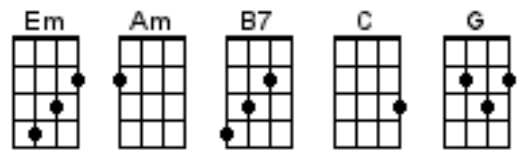


# THE WELLERMAN



Em  
There once was a ship that put to sea  
Am Em  
The name of the ship was the Billy of Tea  
Em  
The winds blew up, her bow dipped down  
B7 Em  
Oh blow, my bully boys, blow (huh)

**C G**  
**Soon may the Wellerman come**  
**Am Em**  
**To bring us sugar and tea and rum**  
**C G**  
**One day, when the tonguing is done**  
**B7 Em**  
**We'll take our leave and go**

Em  
She'd not been two weeks from shore  
Am Em  
When down on her a right whale bore  
Em  
The captain called all hands and swore  
B7 Em  
He'd take that whale in tow (huh)

Em  
Before the boat had hit the water  
Am Em  
The whale's tail came up and caught her  
Em  
All hands to the side, harpooned & fought her  
B7 Em  
— When she dived down low (huh)

Em  
No line was cut, no whale was freed  
Am Em  
The captain's mind was not of greed  
Em  
And he belonged to the Whaleman's creed  
B7 Em  
She took that ship in tow (huh)

Em  
For forty days or even more  
Am Em  
The line went slack then tight once more  
Em  
All boats were lost, there were only four  
B7 Em  
But still that whale did go (huh)

Em  
As far as I've heard, the fight's still on  
Am Em  
The line's not cut, & the whale's not gone  
Em  
The Wellerman makes his regular call  
B7 Em  
To encourage the captain, crew and all (huh)

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## Instrumental (= Chorus)