

Soon may the Wellerman come · popular

lam lam There once was a ship that put to sea
rem lam the name of the ship was the Billy of Tea
lam lam the winds blew up, her bow dipped down
Mi lam oh blow, my bully boys, blow

Fa Do Soon may the Wellerman come
rem lam to bring us sugar and tea and rum
Fa Do one day, when the tonguing is done
Mi lam we'll take our leave and go

She'd not been two weeks from shore
when down on her a right whale bore
the captain called all hands and swore
he'd take that whale in tow

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

Da da da da da da...

Before the boat had hit the water
the whale's tail came up and caught her
all hands to the side, harpooned and fought her
when she dived down low

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

No line was cut, no whale was freed
the captain's mind was not of greed
and he belonged to the Whaleman's creed

she took that ship in tow

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

Da da da da da da...

For forty days or even more
the line went slack then tight once more
all boats were lost, there were only four
but still that whale did go

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

As far as I've heard, the fight's still on
the line's not cut, and the whale's not gone
the Wellerman makes his regular call
to encourage the captain, crew and all

Soon may the Wellerman come...

