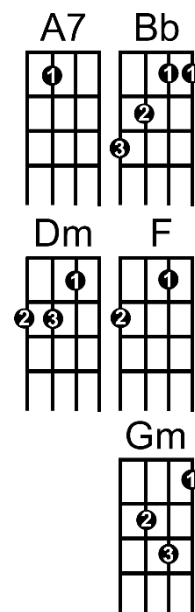


WELLERMAN - traditional



1. [Dm] There once was a ship that put to sea
And the [Gm] name of the ship was the [Dm] Billy o' Tea
The winds blew hard, her bow dipped down
Oh [A7] blow, my bully boys, [Dm] blow

*Chorus: [Bb] Soon may the [F] Wellerman come
To [Gm] bring us sugar and [Dm] tea and rum
[Bb] One day, when the [F] tonguin' is done,
We'll [A7] take our leave and [Dm] go*

2. She'd [Dm] not been two weeks from shore
When [Gm] down on her right a [Dm] whale did bore
The captain called all hands and swore
He'd [A7] take that whale in [Dm] tow *Chorus*

3. [Dm] Before the boat had hit the water
The [Gm] whale's tail came [Dm] up and caught her
Hands to the side, harpooned and fought her
When [A7] she dived down [Dm] low *Chorus*

4. No [Dm] line was cut, no whale was freed
The [Gm] Captain's mind was [Dm] not of greed
But he belonged to the whaleman's creed
She [A7] took the ship in [Dm] tow *Chorus*

5. For [Dm] forty days, or even more
The [Gm] line went slack, then [Dm] tight once more
All boats were lost, there were only four
But [A7] still that whale did [Dm] go *Chorus*

6. As [Dm] far as I've heard, the fight's still on
The [Gm] line's not cut and the [Dm] whale's not gone
The Wellerman makes his regular call
To [Gm] encourage the Captain, [Dm] crew, and all

Chorus x2 – stop dead.