



The Wellerman (Sea Shanty)

Dm




1. There once was a ship that put to sea The
 2. She'd not _____ been two weeks from shore when
 3. Be - fore the _____ boat had hit the water the
 4. No line was _____ cut, no whale was freed the
 5. For for - ty _____ days or e - ven more the
 6. As far as I've heard the fight's still on, the

2 Gm Dm




name of the ship was the Bil - ly of Tea, The
 down on _____ her a _____ right _____ whale bore. The
 whale's _____ tail came _____ up _____ and caught her All
 Cap - tain's _____ mind was _____ not _____ of greed, and
 line went _____ slack then _____ tight _____ once more, All
 line's not _____ cut and the whale's _____ not gone. The

3 Dm A⁷ Dm




winds blew up, her bow dipp'd down, oh blow, my bullyboys, blow (huh)
 Cap - tain said all hands and swore he'd take that whale in tow (huh)
 hands to the side, har - pooned and fought her when she dived down low (huh)
 he belonged to the whale-man's creed she took that ship in tow (huh)
 boats were lost, there were on - ly four, but still that whale did go (huh)
 Wellerman makes his regu - lar call to encourage the Cap-tain crew and all.

5 B^b F Gm Dm



Soon may the Wel-ler-man come to bring us su - gar and tea and rum.
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7 B^b F A⁷ Dm



One day, when the tong-'ng is done we'll take our leave and go.
 One day, when the tong-'ng is done we'll take our leave and go.