

# Wellerman

2021 key:Dm, artist: The Longest Johns

## TAP 1<sup>ST</sup> VERSE

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There once was a ship that put to sea  
And the name of the ship was the Billy of Tea  
The winds blew hard, her bow dipped down  
Oh blow, my bully boys, blow [Huh!]

## 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

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

## CHORUS

[Bb] Da da, [F] da-da da da [Gm] Da-da da dada dada da  
[Dm] da da da  
[Bb] Da da [F] da-da da da [A7] dada da da da [Dm] dah

[Dm] Before the boat had hit the water  
The [Gm] whale's tail came [Dm] up and caught her  
All [Dm] hands to the side, harpooned and fought her  
When [A7] she dived down [Dm] below

## CHORUS

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

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

## CHORUS

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 [Dm] Wellerman makes his regular call  
To [A7] encourage the Captain, [Dm] crew, and all

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