

# Wellerman

## "Soon May the Wellerman Come"

For any combination of voices in 3 parts

**Performance Note:** Watch out for the sudden volume bulges at the end each chorus. These are typical of sea shanties of this kind, and are very effective at conveying a sense of strength and vigor.

Trad. New Zealand sea shanty  
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**Loud and determined**

$\text{♩} = 90$

### Verse 1

Solo

There once was a ship that put to sea, And the name of the ship was the Bil-ly of Tea, The winds blew up, her bow dipped down, Blow me bul-ly boys blow. HUH!

optional foot stamps (tutti) sim.

Solo

6 **Chorus A**

Voice 1 (soprano / tenor 8ve. lower)

Soon may the Wel-ler-man come, To bring us su-gar and tea and rum,

Voice 2 (soprano / alto / baritone 8ve. lower)

Soon may the Wel-ler-man come, To bring us su-gar and tea and rum,

Voice 3 (alto / tenor / bass 8ve. lower)

Soon may the Wel-ler-man come, To bring us su-gar and tea and rum,

8

1

One day when the ton-quin' is done, We'll take our leave and go.

2

One day when the ton-quin' is done, We'll take our leave and go.

3

One day when the ton-quin' is done, We'll take our leave and go.

### Verse 2

Solo

She had not been two weeks from shore, When down on her a right whale bore, The cap-tain called all hands and swore, He'd take that whale in tow.

12

Solo



## Verse 3

Solo

Be - fore the boat\_ had hit the wa - ter the whale's tail came up and caught\_ her, All  
optional harmony

Be - fore the boat\_ had hit the wa - ter the whale's\_ tail came up and caught\_ her, All

16

Solo

hands to the side, har-pooned and fought\_ her, She dived down be - low. *tutti* **HUH!**

hands to the side, har - pooned and fought\_ her, She dived down be - low.

## Chorus B

18

1

Soon may the Wel-ler-man come, To bring us su-gar and tea and rum,

2

Soon\_ may\_ the Wel - ler - man come, To bring\_ us tea and rum,\_

3

Soon may the Wel - ler - man\_ come, To bring us tea and rum,\_

20

1

One day when the ton-guin' is done, We'll take our leave and go. *< fff*

2

One\_ day,\_ one day, We'll take our leave and go. *< fff*

3

One day,\_ one day, We'll take our leave and go. *< fff*

## Verse 4

Solo

No line was cut no whale was freed, The Cap-tain's mind was not of greed, But

24

Solo

he be - longed to the whale-man's creed, She took that ship in tow.



## Verse 5

Solo

For for - ty days\_ or e - ven more, The line went slack then tight once more, All  
optional harmony

For for - ty days\_ or e - ven more, The line went slack then tight once more, All

28

Solo

boats were lost, there were on - ly four, And still the whale did go. HUH!

boats were lost, there were on - ly four, And still the whale did go.

30

## Chorus A

1

Soon may the Wel-ler-man come, To bring us su - gar and tea and rum,

2

Soon may the Wel-ler-man come, To bring us su - gar and tea and rum,

3

Soon may the Wel-ler-man come, To bring us su - gar and tea and rum,

32

1

One day when the ton-quin' is done, We'll take our leave and go. *< fff*

2

One day when the ton-quin' is done, We'll take our leave and go. *< fff*

3

One day when the ton-quin' is done, We'll take our leave and go. *< fff*

## Verse 6

Slow, freetime  
(stop foot stamps)

Solo

The line was cut, the whale was freed, The Cap-tain's mind was not of greed, But

36

A tempo

Solo

he be - longed to the whale-man's creed, And he let that whale\_ go. HUH!



38

## Chorus B

1 Soon may the Wel-ler-man come, To bring us su-gar and tea and rum,

2 Soon may the Wel - ler - man come, To bring us tea and rum,

3 Soon may the Wel - ler - man come, To bring us tea and rum,

optional foot stamps

sim.

40

1 One day when the ton-quin' is done, We'll take our leave and go. *< fff*

2 One day, one day, We'll take our leave and go. *< fff*

3 One day, one day, We'll take our leave and go. *< fff*

42

## Chorus A

1 Soon may the Wel-ler-man come, To bring us su-gar and tea and rum,

2 Soon may the Wel-ler-man come, To bring us su-gar and tea and rum,

3 Soon may the Wel-ler-man come, To bring us su-gar and tea and rum,

44

1 One day when the ton-quin' is done, We'll take our leave and go! *fff*

2 One day when the ton-quin' is done, We'll take our leave and go! *fff*

3 One day when the ton-quin' is done, We'll take our leave and go! *fff*