Harvest Home



Wellerman.

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There once was a ship that put to sea,

Am Em
the name of the ship was The Billy Of Tea.

The winds blew up, her bow dipped down, Bm Em oh blow, my bully boys, blow.

Soon may the Wellerman come,
Am Em
to bring us sugar and tea and rum.
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One day when the tonguin' is done,
Bm Em
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 cried all hands and swore, he'd take that whale in tow.

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.

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.

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.

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