

Soon may the wellerman come

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Vlot en opgewekt (♩ = 80)



1. There once was a ship that put to sea, and the
2. She had not been two weeks from shore. When
3. Be - fore the boat had hit the wa - ter 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



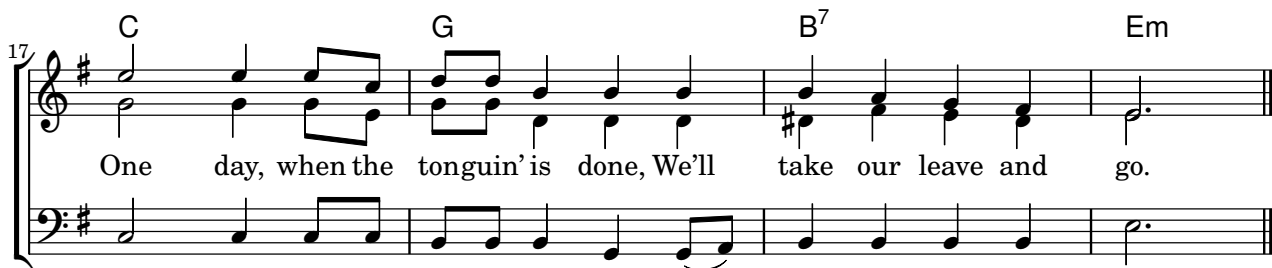
name of the ship was the Billy of Tea. The winds blew up, her
down on her a right whale bore The cap - tain called all
whale's tail came up and we caught her. All hands to the side, har -
Cap - tain's mind was not on greed. But he be - longed to the
line went slack, then tight once more. All boats were lost, there were
line's not cut and the whale's not gone. The Weller - man makes his



bow dipped down. O blow, my bul - ly boys, blow.
hands and swore, He'd take that whale in tow.
pooned and fought her When she dived down be - low.
whale - man's creed, She took the ship in tow.
on - ly four. But still that whale did go.
reg - u - lar call To en - courage the Cap - tain, crew and all.



refr. Soon may the Wellerman come to bring us sugar and tea and rum.



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