

Soon may the wellerman come

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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

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

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winds blew up, her bow dipped down. O
 cap - tain called all hands and swore, He'd
 hands to the side, har - pooned and fought her When
 he be - longed to the whale - man's creed, She
 boats were lost, there were on - ly four. But
 Weller - man makes his reg - u - lar call To en -

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blow, my bul - ly boys, blow.
 take that whale in tow.
 she dived down be - low.
 took the ship in tow.
 still that whale did go.
 courage the Cap - tain, crew, and all.

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refr. Soon may the Wellerman come to bring us sug - ar and tea and rum.

13 C G B⁷ Em

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