**The Wellerman**  WELLERMAN

 *sea-shanty . . . youtube:* [*Nathan Evans*](https://www.google.com/search?client=firefox-b-d&q=Nathan+Evans&stick=H4sIAAAAAAAAAONgVuLVT9c3NEwqiU8yyzXKWsTK45dYkpGYp-BalphXDADnKyPEIAAAAA&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwiRnbmhz-LwAhWJ5OAKHRWHASoQMTABegQIBxAD)

There\_ once was a ship that put to sea The name of the ship was the ‘Billy of Tea’ The winds blew hard, her bow dipped down Blow, me bully boys, blow (huh)

 *Chorus* **Soon may the Wellerman come**

 **To bring us sugar and tea and rum**

 **One day, when the tonguing is done**

 **We'll take our leave and go**

She had not been two weeks from shore When down on her a right whale bore The captain called all hands and swore He'd take that whale in tow (huh)

 *Chorus* **Soon may .** .

 *Chorus: Tá da, ta dada daa Ta dada dada dáda daa . Tá da, ta dada daa Ta dada dada daa dah*

Before the boat had hit the water The wha-ale's tail came up and caught her All hands to the side, harpooned and fought her When she dived down low (huh)

 *Chorus* ***Soon may .***

No line was cut, no whale was freed The captain's mind was not on greed But he belonged to the Whaleman's Creeds She took that ship in tow (huh)

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 *Chorus: Tá da, ta dada daa Ta dada dada dáda daa . Tá da, ta dada daa Ta dada dada daa dah*

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 (huh)

 *Chorus* **Soon may . .**

As far as I've heard, the fight's still on The line's not cut, and the whale's not gone The Wellerman makes his irregular call To-encourage the captain, crew and all

 *Chorus*  2x

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