

WELLERMAN

New Zealand Folksong

Lively Sea Shanty

N.C.(Bm) Em

1. There once was a ship that put to sea, and the name of the ship was the
2. had not been two weeks from shore when down on her a
3.-6. (See additional lyrics)

Bm

Bil - ly of Tea. The winds blew hard, her bow tipped down. he'd
right whale bore. The cap - tain called all hands and swore he'd

Chorus

A Bm G D

Blow, my bul - ly boys, blow. Soon may the Wel - ler - man come to
take that whale in tow.

A musical score for a song, likely 'The Ballad of the Whaler'. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has three measures with guitar chords A, Bm, and G. The lyrics are 'bring us sug - ar and tea and rum. One day when the'. The second system has four measures with guitar chords D, A, Bm (with a first ending box for measures 1-5), and Bm (with a second ending box for measure 6). The lyrics are 'ton - guin' is done. we'll take our leave and go. 2. She go.' The piano accompaniment is written in treble and bass clefs.

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*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 below.
(To Chorus)*

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*No line was cut, no whale was freed,
The Captain's mind was not of greed,
But he belonged to the whaler's creed.
She took the ship in tow.
(To Chorus)*

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*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 regular call
To encourage the Captain, crew and all.
(To Chorus)*