#142   WELLERMAN   4/4   Key of Am   #142
(Unknown Author - New Zealand Whaling Song   )

The first singing note is an E

INTRO: Jam leader strums Am/

Drum only: /   /   /   /

    Am/   Am/   Dm/   Am/

There once was a ship that put to sea, the name of the ship was the Billy o' Tea

    Am/   Am/   E7/   Am/

The winds blew up, her bow dipped down, oh blow, my bully boys blow   *-Huh!-*

CHORUS:

    F   C   Dm   Am

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

    F   C   E7   Am/

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

    Am/   Am/   Dm/   Am/

She had not been two weeks from shore when down on her, a right whale bore

    Am/   Am/   E7/   Am/

The captain called all hands and swore he'd take that whale in tow   *-Huh!-*

    F   C   Dm   Am

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

    F   C   E7   Am/

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

    Am/   Am/   Dm/   Am/

Before the boat had hit the water the wha-ale's tail came up and caught her

    Am/   Am/   E7/   Am/

All hands to the side, harpooned and fought her when she dived down low   *-Huh!-*

    F   C   Dm   Am

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

    F   C   E7   Am/

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

    Am/   *Am/*   *Dm/*   *Am/*
No line was cut, no whale was freed, the Captain's mind was not of greed
    Am/   *Am/*   *E7/*   *Am/*
And he belonged to the whaleman's creed, she took that ship in tow   ***-Huh!-***

    F   *C*   *Dm*   *Am*
Soon may the Wellerman come, to bring us sugar and tea and rum
    F   *C*   *E7*   *Am/*
One day, when the tonguin' is done we'll take our leave and go

    Am/   *Am/*   *Dm/*   *Am/*
For forty days or even more the line went slack then tight once more
    Am/   *Am/*   *E7/*   *Am/*
All boats were lost there were only four, but still that whale did go   ***-Huh!-***

    F   *C*   *Dm*   *Am*
Soon may the Wellerman come, to bring us sugar and tea and rum
    F   *C*   *E7*   *Am/*
One day, when the tonguin' is done we'll take our leave and go

    Am/   *Am/*   *Dm/*   *Am/*
As far as I've heard the fight's still on, the line's not cut and the whale's not gone
    Am/   *Am/*   *Dm/*   *Am/*
The Wellerman makes his regular call to encourage the Captain, ↑crew and all

    F   *C*   *Dm*   *Am*
Da da, da-da da da, da-da da da da-da da-da da
    F   *C*   *E7*   *Am/*
Da da, da-da da da, da da-da da-da da   ***-Huh!-***

    F   *C*   *Dm*   *Am*
Soon may the Wellerman come, to bring us sugar and tea and rum
    F   *C*   *E7*   *Am/*
One day, when the tonguin' is done, we'll take our leave and go
      E7/   *Am/*
We'll take our leave and go   ***Huh!***