Wellerman   Wolverhampton Ukulele Band 2024

[Am] TO START

[Am] Once there was a ship that put to sea
The [Dm] name of the ship was the [Am] Billy of Tea
The [Am] winds blew up, her bow dipped down,
Oh [E7] blow, my bully boys, [Am] blow Huh

CHORUS: [F] Soon may the [C] Wellerman come,
                To [Dm] bring us sugar and [Am] tea and rum
                [F] One day, when [C] tonguin' is done,
                We'll [E7] take that whale in [Am] tow Huh

[Am] She'd not been two weeks from shore
When [Dm] down on her a [Am] right whale bore
The [Am] captain called all hands and swore
He'd [E7] take that whale in [Am] tow   Huh

CHORUS

[Am] Before the boat had hit the water,
The [Dm] wha-le's tail came [Am] up and caught her
All [Am] hands to the side, harpooned and fought her,
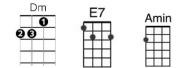[E7] When she dived down [Am] low

CHORUS

[Am] No line was cut, no whale was freed
The [Dm] captain's mind was [Am] not of greed
And [Am] he belonged to the whaleman's creed
She [E7] took that ship in [Am] tow   Huh

CHORUS

For [Am] forty days and even more
The [Dm] line went slack, then [Am] tight once more,
All [Am] boats were lost there were only four
But [E7' still that whale did [Am] go   Huh

CHORUS

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

NORMAL CHORUS

FINAL CHORUS: [F/] Soon may the [C/] Wellerman come,
                To [Dm/] bring us sugar and [Am/] tea and rum
                [F/] One day, when [C/] tonguin' is done,
                We'll [E7/] take that [E7/] whale in [Am/] tow Huh