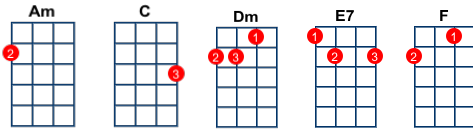


Wellerman key: Am - artist: The Longest Johns



Intro: (Chorus)

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

[Am] There once was a ship that put to sea and the [Dm] name of the ship was the [Am] Billy of Tea
The [Am] winds blew hard, her bow dipped down oh [E7] blow, my bully boys, [Am] blow

CHORUS

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

She [Am] had 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

CHORUS

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

[Am] Before the boat had hit the water the [Dm] whale's tail came [Am] up and caught her
All [Am] hands to the side, harpooned and fought her, when [E7] she dived down [Am] below

CHORUS

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

No [Am] line was cut, no whale was freed; the [Dm] Captain's mind was [Am] not of greed
But [Am] he belonged to the whaleman's creed; she [E7] took the ship in [Am] tow

CHORUS

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

For [Am] forty days, or 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

CHORUS

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

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 [E7] encourage the Captain, [Am] crew, and all

CHORUS

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