The Wellerman

v1. [Tenors or Solo]	There once was a ship that put to sea
	The name of the ship was the Billy O' Tea
	The winds blew up, her bow dipped down
	Oh blow, my bully boys, blow
[Chorus T&B] *(Basses tune 1)*	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
v2. [Tenors or Solo]	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
[Chorus T&B] *(Basses tune 1)*	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
V3. [Basses or Solo]	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
[Chorus T&B] *(Basses tune 2)*	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

V4. [Basses or Solo]	No line was cut, no whale was freed
	The captain's mind was not of greed
	And he belonged to the Whaleman's creed
	She took that ship in tow
[Chorus T&B]	Soon may the Wellerman come
(Basses tune 2)	To bring us sugar and tea and rum
	One day, when the tonguing is done
	We'll take our leave and go
V5. [Basses or Solo]	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
[Chorus T&B]	Soon may the Wellerman Come
(Basses tune 1)	To bring us sugar and tea and rum
	One day when the tonguing is done
	We'll take our leave and go
V6. [Tenors or Solo]	As far as I've heard, the fight's still on
(<u>ALL</u> sing words in **Bold**)	The line's not cut **and the whale's not gone**
	The Wellerman makes his regular call
	To encourage the captain, crew and all
[Chorus T&B]	Soon may the Wellerman Come
All Sing chorus TWICE	To bring us sugar and tea and rum
Ch 1. (Basses tune 1)	One day when the tonguing is done
Ch 2. (Basses tune 2)	We'll take our leave and go