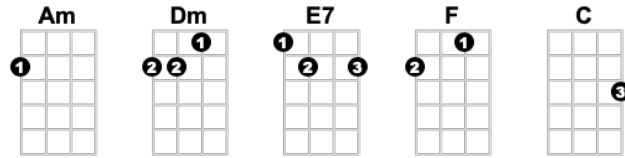


Wellerman

Traditional sea shanty



1-2, 1-2-3-4

Intro: F/// C/// E7/// Am///

Am

Dm

Am

There once was a ship that put to sea and the name of the ship was the Billy of Tea

Am

E7

Am

The winds blew hard, her bow dipped down, oh blow, my bully boys, blow

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

Dm

Am

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

Am

E7

Am

The captain called all hands and swore, he'd take that whale in tow

Chorus AS ABOVE

Am

Dm

Am

Before the boat had hit the water, the whale's tail came up and caught her

Am

E7

Am

All hands to the side, harpooned and fought her when she dived down below

Chorus

Am

Dm

Am

No line was cut, no whale was freed; The Captain's mind was not of greed

Am

E7

Am

But he belonged to the whaleman's creed; She took the ship in tow

Chorus

Am

Dm

Am

For forty days, or even more the line went slack, then tight once more

Am

E7

Am

All boats were lost (there were only four) but still that whale did go

Chorus

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

E7

Am

The Wellerman makes his regular call to encourage the Captain, crew, and all

Chorus x 2 with ending: Am/// Am. STOP