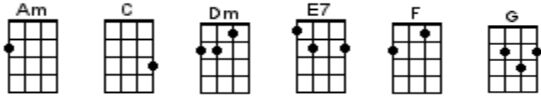


Wellerman (Soon May The Wellerman Come)

Traditional New Zealand folk song c. 1860-70 (as recorded by The Longest Johns 2018)

Key C Time 4/4 Strum pattern D Du Du Du



INTRO: / 1 2 / 1 2 / [Am] / [Am] – (Solo talk through this first verse)

There [Am!] once was a ship that put to [Am!] sea.

And the [Dm!] name of the ship was the [Am!] Billy o' Tea.

The [Am!] winds blew hard, her bow dipped down, [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 the [C] tonguin' is done. We'll [E7] take our leave and [Am] go-o-o-o.

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, huh!

CHORUS:- ([F] Soon may the [C] Wellerman come.....)

Be-[Am]-fore 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 be-[Am]-low, huh!

CHORUS:- ([F] Soon may the [C] Wellerman come.....)

No [Am] line was cut, no whale was freed.

The [Dm] Captain's mind was [Am] not on greed.

But [Am] he belonged to the Whaleman's creed.

She [E7] took the ship in [Am] tow, huh!

CHORUS:- ([F] Soon may the [C] Wellerman come.....) STOP!!!!

(Solo talk through this next verse)

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.Ohhhhhh

CHORUS:- ([F] Soon may the [C] Wellerman come.....)

As [Am] far as I've heard, the fight's still on

The [Dm] line's not cut and the [Am] whales not gone.

The [Am] Wellerman makes his regular call.

To en-[Dm]-courage the Captain [Am] crew and all.

CHORUS:- ([F] Soon may the [C] Wellerman come.....)

[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-o-o-o. [G!] [Am!]