

Nathan Evans-Wellerman Sea Shanty

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

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The winds blew up, her bow dipped down. Blow, my bully boys, blow Ha!

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Soon may the Wellerman come to bring us sugar and tea and rum

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One day, when the tonguin' is done we'll take our leave and go

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

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

Chorus:

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

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

Chorus:

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No line was cut, no whale was freed the captain's mind was not of greed

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But he belonged to the whaleman's creed she took the ship in tow Ha!

Chorus:

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

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

Chorus:

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As far as I've heard, the fight's still on the line's not cut and the whale's not gone

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

Chorus: