

Wellerman

"Soon May the Wellerman Come"

For any combination of voices in 3 parts

Performance Note: Watch out for the sudden volume bulges at the end each chorus. These are typical of sea shanties of this kind, and are very effective at conveying a sense of strength and vigor.

Trad. New Zealand sea shanty
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Loud and determined

$\text{♩} = 90$

Verse 1

Solo

There once was a ship that put to sea, And the name of the ship was the Bil-ly of Tea, The

optional foot stamps (tutti)

sim.

Solo

winds blew up, her bow dipped down, Blow me bul-ly boys blow. HUH!

tutti

Chorus A

6

Voice 1
(soprano / tenor 8ve. lower)

Voice 2
(soprano / alto / baritone 8ve. lower)

Voice 3
(alto / tenor / bass 8ve. lower)

Soon may the Wel-ler-man come, To bring us su-gar and tea and rum,
Soon may the Wel-ler-man come, To bring us su-gar and tea and rum,
Soon may the Wel-ler-man come, To bring us su-gar and tea and rum,

8

1

2

3

One day when the ton-quin' is done, We'll take our leave and go. *< fff*

One day when the ton-quin' is done, We'll take our leave and go. *< fff*

One day when the ton-quin' is done, We'll take our leave and go. *< fff*

Verse 2

Solo

She had not been two weeks from shore, When down on her a right whale bore, The

12

Solo

cap-tain called all hands and swore, He'd take that whale in tow.

Verse 3

Solo

Be - fore the boat had hit the wa - ter the whale's tail came up and caught her, All
optional harmony

Be - fore the boat had hit the wa - ter the whale's tail came up and caught her, All

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Solo

hands to the side, har-pooned and fought her, She dived down be - low. HUH!

hands to the side, har - pooned and fought her, She dived down be - low.

tutti

Chorus B

18

1

Soon may the Wel-ler-man come, To bring us su-gar and tea and rum,

2

Soon may the Wel - ler - man come, To bring us tea and rum,

3

Soon may the Wel - ler - man come, To bring us tea and rum,

20

1

One day when the ton-guin' is done, We'll take our leave and go. *< fff*

2

One day, one day, We'll take our leave and go. *< fff*

3

One day, one day, We'll take our leave and go. *< fff*

Verse 4

Solo

No line was cut no whale was freed, The Cap-tain's mind was not of greed, But

24

Solo

he be - longed to the whale-man's creed, She took that ship in tow.

Verse 5

Solo

For for - ty days_ or e - ven more, The line went slack then tight once more, All
optional harmony

For for - ty days_ or e - ven more, The line went slack then tight once more, All

28

Solo

boats were lost, there were on - ly four, And still the whale did go. HUH!

boats were lost, there were on - ly four, And still the whale did go.

Chorus A

30

1

Soon may the Wel-ler-man come, To bring us su-gar and tea and rum,

2

Soon may the Wel-ler-man come, To bring us su-gar and tea and rum,

3

Soon may the Wel-ler-man come, To bring us su-gar and tea and rum,

32

1

One day when the ton-guin' is done, We'll take our leave and go._____

2

One day when the ton-guin' is done, We'll take our leave and go._____

3

One day when the ton-guin' is done, We'll take our leave and go._____

Verse 6

Slow, freetime
(stop foot stamps)

Solo

The line was cut, the whale was freed, The Cap-tain's mind was not of greed, But

36

Solo

he be - longed to the whale-man's creed, And he let that whale_ go. HUH!

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Chorus B

1
Soon may the Wel-ler-man come, To bring us su-gar and tea and rum,

2
Soon may the Wel - ler - man come, To bring us tea and rum, —

3
Soon may the Wel - ler - man — come, To bring us tea and rum, —

optional foot stamps

sim.

40

1
One day when the ton-quin' is done, We'll take our leave and go. *< fff*

2
One day, — one day, We'll take our leave and go. *< fff*

3
One day, — one day, We'll take our leave and go. *< fff*

42

Chorus A

1
Soon may the Wel-ler-man come, To bring us su-gar and tea and rum,

2
Soon may the Wel-ler-man come, To bring us su-gar and tea and rum,

3
Soon may the Wel-ler-man come, To bring us su-gar and tea and rum,

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1
One day when the ton-quin' is done, We'll take our leave and go! *fff*

2
One day when the ton-quin' is done, We'll take our leave and go! *fff*

3
One day when the ton-quin' is done, We'll take our leave and go! *fff*