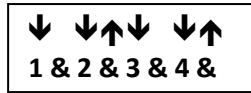


THE WELLERMAN – The Longest Johns

Strumming pattern :



Am *Am* *Dm* *Am*
There once was a ship that put to sea And the name of that ship was the Billy o' Tea
Am *Am* *E7* *Am*
The winds blew hard, her bow dipped down – oh -blow, me bully boys, blow (Huh!)

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 *Am* *Dm* *Am*
She had not been two weeks from shore When down on her aright whale bore
Am *Am* *E7* *Am*
The captain called all hands and swore He'd take that whale in tow (Hah!)

Chorus

Am *Am* *Dm* *Am*
Before the boat had hit the water The whale's tail came up and caught her
Am *Am* *E7* *Am*
All hands to the side, harpooned and fought her When she dived down below (Huh!)

Chorus

Am *Am* *Dm* *Am*
No line was cut, no whale was freed ; The Captain's mind was not on greed
Am *Am* *E7* *Am*
But he belonged to the wellerman's creed ; She took that ship in tow (Huh!)

Chorus

Am *Am* *Dm* *Am*
For forty days, or even more The line went slack, then tight once more
Am *Am* *E7* *Am*
All boats were lost, there were only four But still that whale did go

Chorus

Am *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 *Am* *E7* *Am*
The Wellerman makes his a regular call To encourage the Captain's crew

Chorus X2