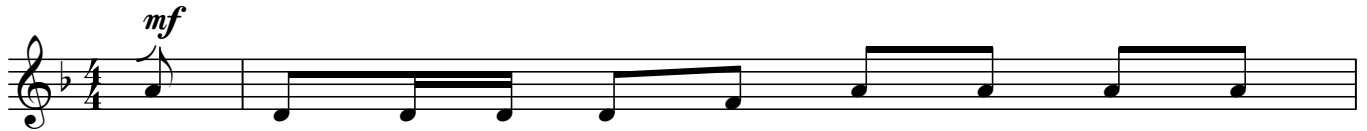


The Wellerman

sea ballad from New Zealand



1. There once was a ship that put to sea, the
 2. She'd not been two weeks from shore when
 3. Be - fore the boat had hit the water the
 4. A line we dropped all in pur - suit, she
 5. For for ty - days or ev en more. the
 6. As far as I've - heard, the - fight's still on, the



name of the ship was the Bil - ly of Tea. The
 down on her a right whale boar! The
 whale's tail came up and caught her, all
 raised her tail, one last sal - lute but the
 line went slack then tight once more, all
 line's not cut, and the - whale's not gone! The



winds blew up, her bow dipped down, O
 cap - tain called all hands and swore he'd
 hands to the side, har - pooned and fought her,
 har - poon lodged, there's no dis - pute, she
 boats were lost 't were on - ly four, but
 Weller - man makes his regu - lar call to en



blow. my bul - ly boys, blow. **HUH!!**
 take that whale in tow.
when she dived down low.
took that ship in tow.
still that whale did go.
 courage the cap - tain. crew

2
5 Refrain

Soon may the Wel-ler-man come to bring us su-gar and tea and rum.

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*Repeat refrain after 2nd verse singing 'da da da'
Last time repeat with text*

7

One day, when the tongu-in' is done, we'll take our leave and go.

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8 Coda

take our leave and go. *mf* We'll take our leave and go.

take our leave and go. *mf* We'll take our leave and go.

take our leave and go. *mf* We'll take our leave and go.

take our leave and go. *mf* We'll take our leave and go.