

Wellerman

New Zealand Sea Shanty
arr. Christopher J. Russell

- Tap 2 measures before singing; continue tapping until measure 5
- Consider ending final repeat (page 2) with melody, no ukulele
- Some can "tap" all the way through
- 5 verses, then page 2.
- Suggested pattern:

3/4

Dm Gm Dm

There once was a ship that put to sea, and the name of the ship was the "Bil-ly o' Tea." The
had not been two weeks from shore when down on her a right whale bore The
fore the boat had hit the wat-er, the whale's tail came right up and caught her All
line was cut, no whale was freed, the Cap-tain's mind was not on greed. But
for-ty days, or ev-en more, the line went slack, then tight once more. All

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Dm A7 Dm

winds blew up, her bow dipped down. Blow me, bul-ly boys, blow! HUH!
Cap-tain called all hands and swore He'd take that whale in tow. HUH!
hands to the side, har-pooned and caught her When she dived be-low. HUH!
he be-longed to the whale-man's creed. She took the ship in tow. HUH!
boats were lost, there were on-ly four, but still that whale did go. HUH!

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Bb F Gm Dm

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.

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Bb F A7 Dm

One day when the ton-guin' is done, we'll take our leave and go. 2. She
One day when the ton-guin' is done, we'll take our leave and go. 3. Be -
One day when the ton-guin' is done, we'll take our leave and go. 4. No
One day when the ton-guin' is done, we'll take our leave and go. 5. For
As

GCEA

Dm Gm A7 Bb F

DGBE

Dm Gm A7 Bb F

9 Dm Gm Dm

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

11 Dm Gm Dm

Wel - ler man makes his reg - u - lar call to en - cour - age the Cap - tain, crew, and all.

13 Bb F Gm Dm

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.

15 Bb F A7 Dm

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

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

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



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