

# The Wellerman

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The musical score for "The Wellerman" is presented in three staves. The key signature is G minor (one flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in a single voice on a treble clef staff. The chords are indicated by letters above the staff.

Staff 1 (Measures 1-5):  
Chords: Gm, Cm, Gm

Staff 2 (Measures 6-10):  
Chords: Cm, D, Gm, Eb, Bb

Staff 3 (Measures 11-15):  
Chords: Cm, Gm, Eb, Bb, D7, Gm

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Sea Shantey



1.Strophe There once was a ship put out to sea, the name of the ship was the



Bill-y of Tea the winds blew up her bow dipped down, oh blow, my bull-y boys blow



## Refrain

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tonguin'is done we'll take our leave and go She had not been two weeks from shore when

There (**gm**) once was a ship put out to sea,  
 the (**cm**) name of the ship was the (**gm**) Billy of Tea  
 the winds blew up her bow dipped down,  
 oh (**cm**) blow. my (**D**) bull-y boys (**gm**) blow

Refrain (**Eb**) Soon, may the (**Bb**) Wellerman come to  
 (**cm**) bring us sugar and (**gm**) tea and rum  
 (**Eb**) One day, when the (**Bb**) tonguin'is done well  
 (**D7**) take our leave and (**gm**) go

She (**gm**) had not been two weeks from shore  
 when (**cm**) down on her a (**gm**) right whale bore.  
 The Captain called all hands and swore :  
 "We'll (**cm**) take that (**D**) whale and (**gm**) tow!"

Refrain

Be-(**gm**)fore the boat had hit the water  
 the (**cm**) whale's tail came (**gm**) up and caught her.  
 Hands to the side, harpooned and fought her  
 (**cm**) when she (**D**) dived down (**gm**) low

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