

Soon May the Wellerman Come

SSA / Mixed voices*

Traditional New Zealand Whaling song

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Solos/Groups

♩=96 Am Dm

VERSE 1
There once was a ship that put to sea the name of the ship was the

VERSE 2
She had not been two weeks from shore when down on her a

5 Am

Bil - ly o' Tea The winds blew hard her

right whale bore The cap - tain called all

7 E Am

bow dipped down Oh blow my bul - ly boys blow Huh!

hands and swore he'd take that whale in tow Huh!

10 F CHORUS C Dm Am

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

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

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

*add Men to alto part

2

14 F C E Am

S One day when the whal in' is done we'll take our leave and go

S One day when the whal in' is done we'll take our leave and go

A One day when the whal in' is done we'll take our leave and go

Accordion

18 F C Dm Am

22 F C E Am

Be

26 Am Dm Am

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

30 E Am

hands to the side har - pooned and fought her when she dived down low No

34 Am Dm Am

line was cut_ no whale was freed the cap-tain's mind was not of greed And

38 E Am

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

42 F C Dm Am

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

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

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

46 F C E Am

S
One day when the whal in' is done we'll take our leave and go

S
One day when the whal in' is done we'll take our leave and go

A
One day when the whal in' is done we'll take our leave and go

Accordion

50 F C Dm Am

54 F C E Am

For

Slowly

58 Am Dm Am

six long days and six long nights she took us south with all her might Un-til we were too

63 *a tempo* E Am
 tired to fight and then we let her go The line was cut_ the whale was freed the

68 Dm Am E
 cap-tain's mind was not of greed for he be-longed to the whale-man's creed We let that whale

73 Am (F on rpt) C Dm Am F C E Am
 go! Whoa oh oh

81 F C Dm Am
 Soon may the Wel-ler-man come to bring us su-gar and tea and rum

85 F C E Am
 One day when the whal in' is done we'll take our leave and go

Rpt 3 times