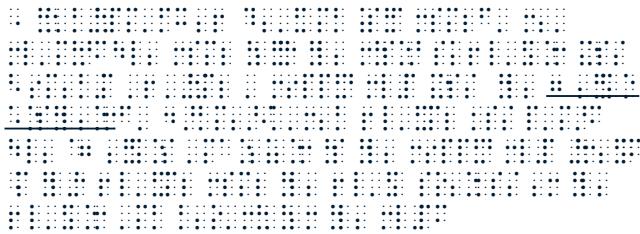


## The Wellerman - a sea shanty



### V1 Tenors

There once was a ship that put to sea  
and the name o the ship was the billy of tea  
The winds blew hard  
her bow dipped down now  
**blow me bil-ly boys blow ha!**

### CHORUS all sing

**Soon may the Wellerman come  
to bring us sugar and tea and rum  
One day when the tonguein' is done  
we'll take our leave and go**

### V2 Altos

She had not been two-o weeks from shore  
when down on her a-a right whale bore  
The captain called all hands and swore he'd  
**take that whale in tow ha!**

### V3 Sops

Before the boat had hit the water  
the whal-es tail came up and caught her  
All hands to the side harpooned  
and fought her when  
**she dived down be-low ha!**

### V4 Bass A2

No line was cut, no-o whale was freed  
and the cap-tains mind wa-as not on greed but he belonged to the whale man's creed.

**She took that ship in tow ha!**

### V5 Altos

For forty days or even more  
The line went slack then tight once more  
All boats were lost, there were only four and  
**still that whale did go ha!**