

The Wallerman

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1. There once was a ship that put to sea the name of the ship was the Billy of Tea
The winds blew up, her bow dipped down oh blow, my bully boys, blow (huh)

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2. She'd not been two weeks from shore when down on her a right whale bore
The captain called all hands and swore he'd take that whale in tow (huh)

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3. Before the boat had hit the water the whale's tail came up and caught her
All hands to the side, harpooned and fought her when she dived down low (huh)

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4. No line was cut, no whale was freed the captain's mind was not of greed
And he belonged to the Whaleman's creed she took that ship in tow (huh)

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5. For forty days or even more the line went slack then tight once more
All boats were lost, there were only four but still that whale did go (huh)

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6. As far as I've heard, the fight's still on the line's not cut, and the whale's not gone
The Wellerman makes his regular call to encourage the captain, crew and all (huh)

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