

# The Wellerman

Score

as performed by *Die Blowboys*

**Traditional**  
Arr. Martin Schröder

Solo

Tenor 1

Tenor 2

Bass 1

Bass 2

S

T 1

T 2

B 1

B 2

There once was a ship that put to sea And the name of that ship was 'The

Bil-ly 'o Tea' The winds blewhard her bow dipped down Blow, me bul-ly boys, Blow...

The image shows a musical score for the song 'The Wellerman'. It consists of two systems of staves. The first system includes a Solo line and five harmony parts: Tenor 1, Tenor 2, Bass 1, and Bass 2. The Solo line has a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics for the first system are: 'There once was a ship that put to sea And the name of that ship was 'The'. The second system includes a Soprano (S) line and four harmony parts: Tenor 1 (T 1), Tenor 2 (T 2), Bass 1 (B 1), and Bass 2 (B 2). The Soprano line has a treble clef and the same key signature. The lyrics for the second system are: 'Bil-ly 'o Tea' The winds blewhard her bow dipped down Blow, me bul-ly boys, Blow...'. The score is written in a standard musical notation style with a common time signature.

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S

8

T 1

8

T 2

8

B 1

B 2

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Soon may the Wel-ler-man come To bring us su-gar and tea and rum One day, when the

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S

8

14

T 1

8

T 2

8

B 1

B 2

8

She had not been two

tongu-in' is done We'll take our leave and go

tongu-in' is done We'll take our leave and go

tongu-in' is done We'll take our leave and go

tongu-in' is done We'll take our leave and go



18

S weeks from shore When down on her a right whale bore The cap-tain called all

T 1

T 2

B 1

B 2

22

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

T 1 Huh! Soon may the Wel-ler-man come To

T 2 Huh! Soon may the Wel-ler-man come To

B 1 Huh! Soon may the Wel-ler-man come To

B 2 Huh! Soon may the We-ler-man come To



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S

8

27

T 1

8

bring us su-gar and tea and rum One day, when the tongu-in' is done We'll

T 2

8

bring us su-gar and tea and rum One day, when the tongu-in' is done We'll

B 1

bring us su-gar and tea and rum One day, when the tongu-in' is done We'll

B 2

bring us su-gar and tea and rum One day, when the tongu-in' is done We'll

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S

8

Be - fore the boat had hit the wa - ter The whale's tail came

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T 1

8

take our leave and go

T 2

8

take our leave and go

B 1

take our leave and go

B 2

take our leave and go



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S up and caught her All hands to the side, har - pooned and fought her When she dived down be -

T 1 When she dived down be -

T 2 When she dived down be -

B 1 When she dived down be -

B 2 When she dived down be -

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S low Huh!

T 1 low Huh! Soon may the Wel-ler-man come To bring us su-gar and tea and rum

T 2 low Huh! Soon may the We-ler-man come To bring us su-gar and tea and rum

B 1 low Huh! Soon may the Wel-ler-man come To bring us su-gar and tea and rum

B 2 low Huh! Soon may the Wel-ler-man come To bring us su-gar and tea and rum



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S

8

No line was cut, no

45

T 1

8

One day, when the tongu-in' is done We'll take our leave and go

T 2

8

One day, when the tongu-in' is done We'll take our leave and go

B 1

8

One day, when the tongu-in' is done We'll take our leave and go

B 2

8

One day, when the tongu-in' is done We'll take our leave and go

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S

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whale was freed An' the cap - tain's mind was not on greed But he be - longed to the

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T 1

8

was not on greed

T 2

8

was not on greed

B 1

8

was not on greed

B 2

8

was not on greed



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S  
8  
Whale-man's creed She took that ship in tow Huh!

T 1  
8  
She took that ship in tow Huh! Soon may the Wel-ler-man come To

T 2  
8  
She took that ship in tow Huh! Soon may the Wel-ler-man come To

B 1  
8  
She took that ship in tow Huh! Soon may the Wel-ler-man come To

B 2  
8  
She took that ship in tow Huh! Soon may the Wel-ler-man come To

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S  
8

T 1  
8  
bring us su-gar and tea and rum One day, when the tongu-in' is done We'll

T 2  
8  
bring us su-gar and tea and rum One day, when the tongu-in' is done We'll

B 1  
8  
bring us su-gar and tea and rum One day, when the tongu-in' is done We'll

B 2  
8  
bring us su-gar and tea and rum One day, when the tongu-in' is done We'll



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S For for - ty days or e - ven more The line went slack then

T 1 take our leave and go Doo doo

T 2 take our leave and go Doo doo

B 1 take our leave and go Doo doo doo

B 2 take our leave and go Doo doo

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S tight once more All boats were lost there were on - ly four And still that whale did

T 1 doo doo doo doo

T 2 doo doo doo doo

B 1 doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo

B 2 doo doo doo doo doo doo



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S  
8  
go

T 1  
8  
doo Soon may the Wel-ler-man come To bring us su-gar and tea and rum

T 2  
8  
doo Soon may the Wel-ler-man come To bring us su-gar and tea and rum

B 1  
8  
doo Soon may the Wel-ler-man come To bring us su-gar and tea and rum

B 2  
8  
doo Soon may the Wel-ler-man come To bring us su-gar and tea and rum

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S  
8  
As

T 1  
8  
One day, when the tongu-in' is done We'll take our leave and go

T 2  
8  
One day, when the tongu-in' is done We'll take our leave and go

B 1  
8  
One day, when the tongu-in' is done We'll take our leave and go

B 2  
8  
One day, when the tongu-in' is done We'll take our leave and go



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

T 1 and the whale's not gone

T 2 and the whale's not gone

B 1 and the whale's not gone

B 2 and the whale's not gone

85

S Wel-ler-man makes his re-gu-lar call To en - cour-age the cap - tain, crew and all

T 1 To en - cour-age the cap - tain, crew and all

T 2 To en - cour-age the cap - tain, crew and all

B 1 To en - cour-age the cap - tain, crew and all

B 2 To en - cour-age the cap - tain, crew and all



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S

T 1

T 2

B 1

B 2

Soon may the Wel-ler-man come To bring us su-gar and tea and rum One day, when the

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S

T 1

T 2

B 1

B 2

tongu-in' is done We'll take our leave and go \_\_\_\_\_ Soon may the Wel-ler-man come To



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S

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T 1

8

bring us su-gar and tea and rum One day, when the tongu-in' is done We'll

T 2

8

bring us su-gar and tea and rum One day, when the tongu-in' is done We'll

B 1

bring us su-gar and tea and rum One day, when the tongu-in' is done We'll

B 2

bring us su-gar and tea and rum One day, when the tongu-in' is done We'll

*rit.*

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S

8

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T 1

8

take our leave and go! \_\_\_\_\_

T 2

8

take our leave and go! \_\_\_\_\_

B 1

take our leave and go! \_\_\_\_\_

B 2

take our leave and go! \_\_\_\_\_

