

The Wellerman

for SATB* voices, a cappella with solo

New Zealand Folk Song

arranged by MICHAEL WARE

Sea Shanty (♩ = ca. 86)

tenor or bass solo

mf

T
B

There once was a ship that put to sea. The

3

name of the ship was the "Bil - ly of Tea". The winds blew up; her

6

bow dipped down. Oh, blow, my bul - ly boys blow.

9

SA *mf-f*

Soon may the Well-er-man come to bring us su-gar and tea and rum.

TB *mf-f*

Some basses may optionally sing the bass part of the refrain an octave lower.

13

S

A

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

T

B

repeat

* Also available: TTBB



17 ~~Solo~~ *mf*

T $\frac{3}{4}$ B She had not been two weeks from shore when down on the ship a blue whale bore. The

21

cap - tain called all hands and swore he'd take that whale in tow.

mf

he'd take that whale in tow.

mf

Add S $\frac{2}{4}$ A

25 *f*

S
A

Soon may the Well-er-man come to bring us su-gar and tea and rum.

T
B

29 Solo *mf*

S
A

One day, when the tongu-in' is done, we'll take our leave and go. Huh!

T
B

S: Be -

33

S fore the boat had hit the wa - ter the whale's tale came

A *p* *mp*

T *p* *mp*

B

36

S up and caught her. All hands to the side, har - pooned and faught her when

A *p*

T *p*

B

39

S: *f*

S she dived down be - low. For for - ty days or

A *mp*

T *mp*

B

42

S Sop:

ev - en more the line went slack, then tight once more. All

Bass:

A

T

B

mf

Oo

mf

45

S

boats were lost, there were on - ly four, but still that whale did go.

A

Oo

but still that whale did go.

T

B

mp

f

mp

f

49

S

Soon may the Well-er-man come to bring us su-gar and tea and rum.

A

T

B

p sh!

p

53

S

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

A

T

B

f

f

57

SA

as I've heard, the fight's still on; the line's not cut and the

TB

60

SA

whale's not gone. The Well-er-man makes his reg - u - lar call to en -

TB

63

S

A

cour - age cap - tain, crew and all

T

B

67

S

A

Soon may the Well-er-man come to bring us su-gar and tea and rum.

T

B

71

S
A
T
B

One day, when the tongu-in' is done, we'll take our leave and go. Huh!

repeat

75

S
A
T
B

go. We'll take our leave and

78

S
A
T
B

go. We'll take our leave and, take our leave and go. Huh!

ff *p* *ff*