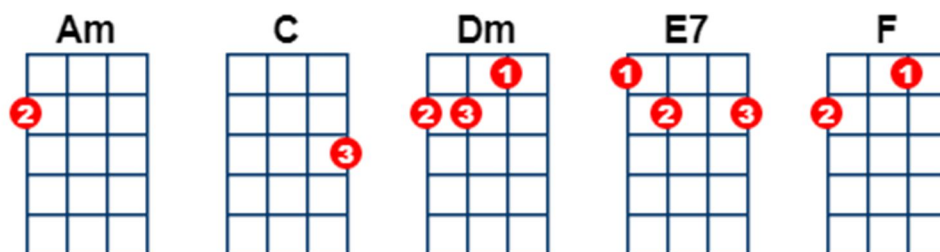


key:Am, Artist:The Longest Johns. Traditional



[Am] There once was a ship that put to sea
 And the [Dm] name of the ship was the [Am] Billy o' Tea
 The [Am] winds blew hard, her bow dipped down
 [E7] Blow, my bully boys, [Am] blow (Huh!)

CHORUS: [F] Soon may the [C] Wellerman come
 To [Dm] bring us sugar and [Am] tea and rum
 [F] One day, when the [C] tonguin' is done,
 We'll [E7] take our leave and [Am] go

She [Am] had not been two weeks from shore
 When [Dm] down on her a [Am] right whale bore
 The [Am] captain called all hands and swore
 He'd [E7] take that whale in [Am] tow (Huh!)

CHORUS

[Am] Before the boat had hit the water
 The [Dm] whale's tail came [Am] up and caught her
 All [Am] hands to the side, harpooned and fought her
 When [E7] she dived down [Am] below (Huh!)

CHORUS

No [Am] line was cut, no whale was freed;
 The [Dm] Captain's mind was [Am] not of greed
 But [Am] he belonged to the whaleman's creed;
 She [E7] took the ship in [Am] tow (Huh!)

CHORUS

For [Am] forty days, or even more
 The [Dm] line went slack, then [Am] tight once more
 All [Am] boats were lost (there were only four)
 But [E7] still that whale did [Am] go (Huh!)

CHORUS

As [Am] far as I've heard, the fight's still on;
 The [Dm] line's not cut and the [Am] whale's not gone
 The [Am] Wellerman makes his regular call
 To [E7] encourage the Captain, [Am] crew, and all

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