

# 132- The Wellerman

New Zealand Folk (before 1860)

**Allegro** (M.M. ♩ = c. 170)

Violin I

8 1. There once was a ship that put to sea, and the name of the ship was the Bil-ly o' Tea, the  
 2. She had not been two weeks from shore when down on her a right whale bore. The  
 3. Be fore the boat had hit the wa - ter the wha - le's tail came up and caught her. All  
 4. No line was cut, no whale was freed, the cap - tain's mind was not on greed! But  
 5. For for - ty days or ev - en more, the line went slack then tight once more, all

Vln. I

8 wind blew hard, her bow dipped down, O blow, me bul - ly boys, blow!  
 cap - tain called all hands and swore, he'd take that whale in tow.  
 hands to the side, har - pooned and fought her, when she dived down be - low.  
 he be - longed to the Whale - man's Creed she took that ship in tow.  
 boats were lost, there were on - ly four and still that whale did go.

Vln. I

8 Soon may the Wel - ler - man come to bring us su - gar and tea and rum

Vln. II

8 Soon may the Wel - ler - man come to bring us su - gar and tea and rum

Vc.

8 Soon may the Wel - ler - man come to bring us su - gar and tea and rum

Cb.

8 Soon may the Wel - ler - man come to bring us su - gar and tea and rum

Vln. I

8 One day, when the ton - guing is done, we'll take our leave and go

Vln. II

8 One day, when the ton - guing is done, we'll take our leave and go

Vc.

8 One day, when the ton - guing is done, we'll take our leave and go

Cb.

8 One day, when the ton - guing is done, we'll take our leave and go

2. She  
 3. Be  
 4. No  
 5. For