

# The World Music Collection



## Soon May the Wellerman Come (traditional)

There once was a ship that put to sea, the name of the ship was The Bil-ly o' Tea,

The winds blew hard, her bow dipped down, oh blow me bul-ly boys, blow.

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

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

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This is a song from New Zealand written in the 1860s referring to supply ships owned by the Weller Brothers' company; their workforce became known as "wellermen". The song gained fresh exposure when a Scot, Nathan Evans, created a phenomenally succesful TikTok video.



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