

Wellerman Chords by Nathan Evans

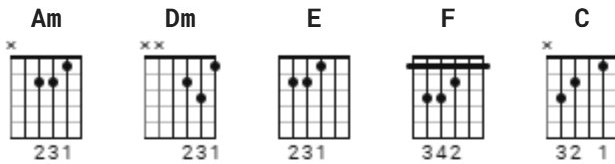


Difficulty: beginner

Tuning: E A D G B E

Capo: 3rd fret

CHORDS



Chords for those searching for the version made popular by Nathan Evans on TikTok and now posted in official audio on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SLiNQhQr4G4>

Capo 3 to play along with the recorded version.

Nathan's version of the song is actually performed acapella with vocal harmonies and a percussive beat, the percussion drops out for the outro.

As one of the commenters mentioned, this song also sounds good with an E7 played in place of the E chords. I sometimes play a quick E followed by E7 or do a walkdown as I did in the final chorus of the shot I posted.

[Verse 1]

Am Am
There once was a ship that put to sea
Dm Am
The name of the ship was the Billy of Tea
Am Am
The winds blew up, her bow dipped down
E Am
O b-low, my bully boys, blow (huh)

[Chorus]

F C
Soon may the Wellerman come
Dm Am
To bring us sugar and tea and rum
F C
One day, when the tinguin' is done,
E Am
We'll take our leave and go

[Verse 2]

Am Am
She'd not been two weeks from shore
Dm Am
When down on her a right whale bore

Am **Am**
The captain called all hands and swore
E **Am**
He'd take that whale in tow (huh)

[Chorus]

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

[Interlude]

F **C**
Da da da-da dat da
Dm **Am**
Da-da dat da da-da da dat da
F **C**
Da da da-da dat da
E **Am**
Da-da dat da dat da

[Verse 3]

Am **Am**
Before the boat had hit the water
Dm **Am**
The wha-le's tail came up and caught her
Am **Am**
All hands to the side, harpooned and fought her
E **Am**
When she dived down low (huh)

[Chorus]

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

[Verse 4]

Am **Am**
No line was cut, no whale was freed
Dm **Am**
The captain's mind was not of greed
Am **Am**
And he belonged to the whaleman's creed

E **Am**
She took that ship in tow (huh)

[Chorus]

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

[Interlude]

F **C**
Da da da-da dat da
Dm **Am**
Da-da dat da da-da da dat da
F **C**
Da da da-da dat da
E **Am**
Da-da dat da dat da

[Verse 5]

Am **Am**
For forty days, or even more
Dm **Am**
The line went slack, then tight once more
Am **Am**
All boats were lost (there were only four)
E **Am**
But still that whale did go (huh)

[Chorus]

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

[Verse 6]

Am **Am**
As far as I've heard, the fight's still on
Dm **Am**
The line's not cut and the whale's not gone
Am **Am**
The Wellerman makes his regular call

Dm **Am**
To encourage the Captain, crew, and all (huh)

[Chorus]

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

[Outro]

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