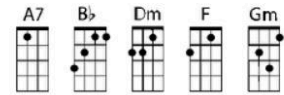




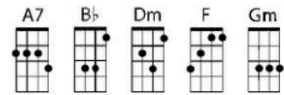
Wellerman

The Longest Johns - 2021
(Old Sea Shanty - writer unknown)

Standard



Baritone



[Dm] There once was a ship that put to sea
And the [Gm] name of the ship was the [Dm] Billy of Tea
The [Dm] winds blew hard, her bow dipped down
Oh [A7] blow, my bully boys, [Dm] blow

[Bb] Soon may the [F] Wellerman come
To [Gm] bring us sugar and [Dm] tea and rum
[Bb] One day, when the [F] tonguin' is done,
We'll [A7] take our leave and [Dm] go

She [Dm] had not been two weeks from shore
When [Gm] down on her a [Dm] right whale bore
The [Dm] captain called all hands and swore
He'd [A7] take that whale in [Dm] tow

[Bb] Soon may the [F] Wellerman come
To [Gm] bring us sugar and [Dm] tea and rum
[Bb] One day, when the [F] tonguin' is done,
We'll [A7] take our leave and [Dm] go

[Dm] Before the boat had hit the water
The [Gm] whale's tail came [Dm] up and caught her
All [Dm] hands to the side, harpooned and fought her
When [A7] she dived down [Dm] below

[Bb] Soon may the [F] Wellerman come
To [Gm] bring us sugar and [Dm] tea and rum
[Bb] One day, when the [F] tonguin' is done,
We'll [A7] take our leave and [Dm] go

No **[Dm]** line was cut, no whale was freed;
The **[Gm]** Captain's mind was **[Dm]** not of greed
But **[Dm]** he belonged to the whaleman's creed;
She **[A7]** took the ship in **[Dm]** tow

[Bb] Soon may the **[F]** Wellerman come
To **[Gm]** bring us sugar and **[Dm]** tea and rum
[Bb] One day, when the **[F]** tonguin' is done,
We'll **[A7]** take our leave and **[Dm]** go

For **[Dm]** forty days, or even more
The **[Gm]** line went slack, then **[Dm]** tight once more
All **[Dm]** boats were lost (there were only four)
But **[A7]** still that whale did **[Dm]** go

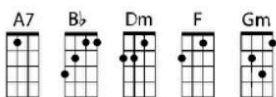
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As **[Dm]** far as I've heard, the fight's still on;
The **[Gm]** line's not cut and the **[Dm]** whale's not gone
The **[Dm]** Wellerman makes his regular call
To **[A7]** encourage the Captain, **[Dm]** crew, and all

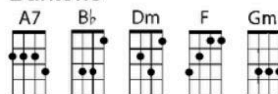
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[Bb] Soon may the **[F]** Wellerman come
To **[Gm]** bring us sugar and **[Dm]** tea and rum
[Bb] One day, when the **[F]** tonguin' is done,
(Slower) We'll **[A7]** take our leave and **[Dm]** go

Standard



Baritone



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