

The Wellerman

For SAB* a cappella

Duration: ca. 2:15

Arranged by
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New Zealand Folksong

With a bawdy bounce ($\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 96$)

Solo, Section or All voices throughout

mf

Baritone



There once was a ship that put to sea, the



3 name of the ship was the Bil - ly of Tea; the winds blew up, her



6 bow dipped down O blow, my bul - ly boys, blow.

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Soprano

mf



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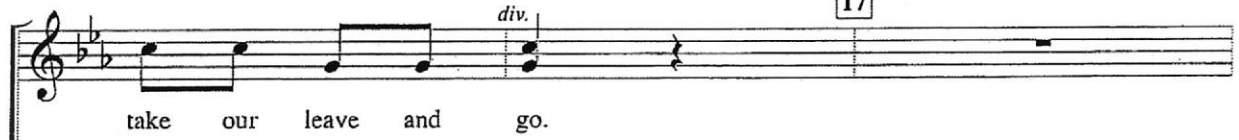
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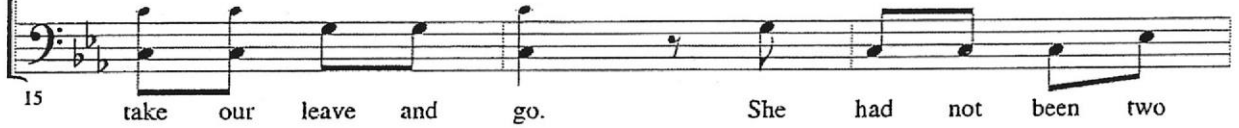
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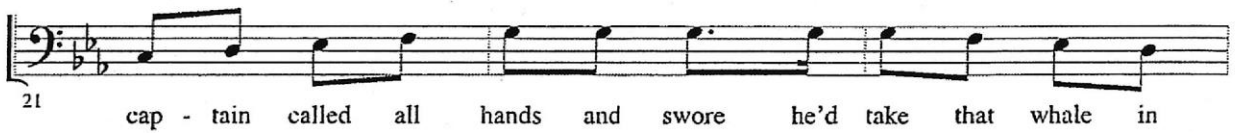
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15 take our leave and go. She had not been two



18 weeks from shore when down on her a right whale bore; the



21 cap - tain called all hands and swore he'd take that whale in



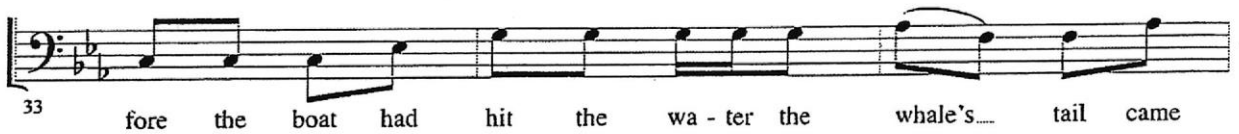
24 tow. *Huh!* Soon may the Wel - ler - man come to



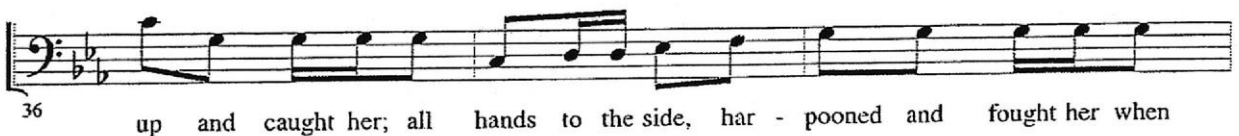
27 bring us su - gar and tea and rum. One day, when the



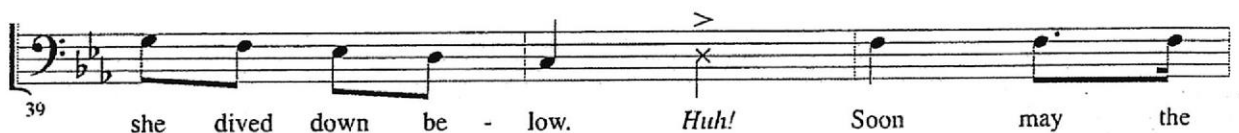
30 tongu - in' is done we'll take our leave and go. Be -



33 fore the boat had hit the wa - ter the whale's... tail came



36 up and caught her; all hands to the side, har - pooned and fought her when



39 she dived down be - low. *Huh!* Soon may the

42 Wel-ler-man come to bring us su-gar and tea and rum.

45 One day, when the tongu-in' is done we'll take our leave and

48 go. No line was cut, no whale was freed, the
for-ty days or e-ven more, the

51 cap-tain's mind was not on greed; but he be-longed to the
line went slack then tight once more; all boats were lost, there were

54 whale-man's creed, she took that ship in tow. } Huh!
on-ly four, but still that whale did go. }

57 Soon may the Wel-ler-man come to bring us su-gar and

60 tea and rum. One day, when the tongu-in' is done we'll

63 take our leave and go. For go. As

66 far as I've heard, the fight's still on, the line's not cut and the

69 whale's not gone; the Wel-ler-man makes his reg-u-lar call to en-

72 cour-age the cap-tain, crew and all. Soon may the

75 Wel - ler - man come to bring us su - gar and tea and rum.

78 One day, when the tongu-in' is done we'll take our leave and

81 go. *Huh!* Soon may the Wel - ler - man come to

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87 tongu - in' is done we'll take our leave and

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go! *Huh!*

go! Take our leave and go! *Huh!*

90 go! Take our leave and go! *Huh!*