

The Wellerman Vaudois

Ze wèlèrmèn Vodoi

A

Dèr oance was a chip tat pout tou si de néme of de chip was de billy of ti

There once was a ship that put to sea, the name of the ship was the Billy of Tea

De winds blou eup, èr baw dip daown ho blow maille beully boys blow

The winds blew up, her bow dipped down oh blow, my bully boys, blow

Refrain

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B

Chi ad not bine tou wiks from chore wèn daon on eur a louat wail bore

She had not been two weeks from shore when down on her a right whale bore

De captain cold ol hènds and swor id ték dat wail in tow

The captain called all hands and swore he'd take that whale in tow

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Bifor de bot had hit de woter de wails tél cém up and cot eur

Before the boat had hit the water the whale's tail came up and caught her,

Ol hands tou de sailld arpound and faout eur wène chi dailld down low

All hands to the side, harpooned and fought her, when she dived down low

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D

A lailne wi dropd ol in poursiout chi railld er tèl, on last saliout

A line we dropped all in pursuit she raised her tail, on last salute

Beut de arpoun lodgd, dèrs no dispiout, chi touk dat chip in tow

But the harpoon lodged, there's no dispute, she took that ship in tow

And dèn for

And then for

E

Six long dèi and six long naillt chi drove eus saous wiz ol eur mailt

Six long days and six long nights she drove us South with all her might,

Euntil wi wèr tou taillrd tou faillt ... Den wi let eur go. Huh !

Until we were too tired to fight ... Then we let her go. Huh !

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