

Additional Verses:

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

Before the boats had hit the water,
The whale's tail came up and caught her.
All hands to the side, harpooned and fought her
When she dived down low.

No line was cut, no whale was freed.
The captain's mind was not of greed.
But he belonged to the Whaleman's creed.
She took that ship in tow.

For forty days, or even more,
The line went slack then tight once more.
All boats were lost--there were only four.
But still that whale did go.

As far as I've heard, the fight's still on.
The line's not cut, and the whale's not gone.
The Wellerman makes his regular call,
To encourage the captain, crew and all.