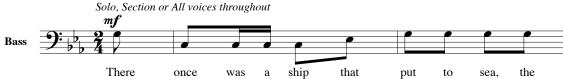
The Wellerman

For SATB* a cappella

Duration: ca. 2:15

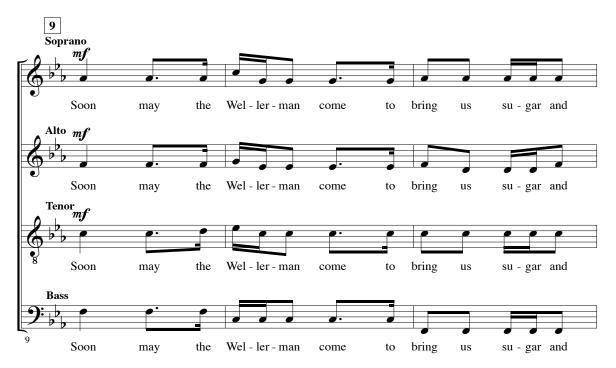
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A "Wellerman" was an employee of the Sydney-based Weller Brothers' shipping company, which from 1833 was the major supplier of provisions – such as the "sugar and tea and rum" of the shanty's refrain – to whaling stations on New Zealand shores.

The whaler's wistful eye on a future date "when the tonguin' is done we'll take our leave and go" refers to the practice of stripping blubber from beached whales.

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