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Everything Stops For Tea

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Ron Mackey (2005)

Everything Stops For Tea [Bb]

Maurice Sigler (tune)

Al Goodheart (words)

(F7) Bb F7 Bb Ab/C F7 Bb B7
Eb Bb F7 Bb fine (D7) Gm D7 Gm D7
Gm₃ D7 Gm C7 F C7 F d.C.

Everything Stops For Tea [C]

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(G7) C G7 C Bb/D G7 C C7
F C G7 C fine (E7) Am E7 Am E7
Am₃ E7 Am D7 G D7 G d.C.

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(A7) D A7 D C/E A7 D D7
G D A7 D fine (F#7) Bm F#7 Bm F#7
Bm₃ F#7 Bm E7 A E7 A d.C.

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Oh, the factories may be roaring
With a boom-a-lacka, zoom-a-lacka, wee
But there isn't any roar when the clock strikes four
Everything stops for tea

Oh, a lawyer in the courtroom
In the middle of an alimony plea
Has to stop and help 'em pour when the clock strikes four
Everything stops for tea

It's a very good English custom
Though the weather be cold or hot
When you need a little pick-up, you'll find a little tea cup
Will always hit the spot

Oh, the soldiers may be fighting
In the trenches or a battleship at sea
But there isn't any war when the clock strikes four
For everything stops for tea

More verses found online:

Every nation in creation has its favourite drink
France is famous for its wine, it's beer in Germany
Turkey has its coffee and they serve it blacker than ink
Russians go for vodka and England loves its tea

You remember Cleopatra
Had a date to meet Mark Anthony at three
When he came an hour late she said "You'll have to wait"
For everything stops for tea

Oh, they may be playing football
And the crowd is yelling "Kill the referee!"
But no matter what the score, when the clock strikes four
Everything stops for tea

Oh, the golfer may be golfing
And is just about to make a hole-in-three
But it always gets them sore when the clock yells "four!"
Everything stops for tea

It's a very good English custom
And a stimulant for the brain
When you feel a little weary, a cup'll make you cheery
And it's cheaper than champagne

Now I know just why Franz Schubert
Didn't finish his unfinished symphony
He might have written more but the clock struck four
And everything stops for tea