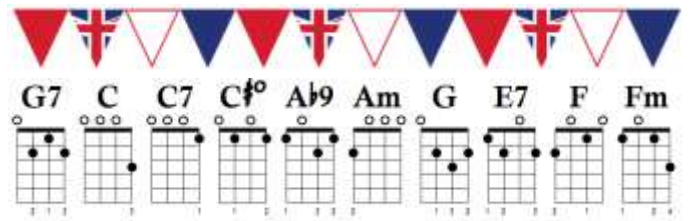


Everything Stops For Tea

- John Baldry



[G7] Oh the {C} factories
{C#dim} may be [G7] roaring, With a {C} booma lacka,
{Ab9} zooma lacka [G7] wee, But there {C} isn't any {C7} roar when the
{F} clock strikes {Fm↓} four!,
{C} Everything {G7} stops for [C] tea.



Oh a {C} lawyer {C#dim} in the [G7] courtroom,
In the {C} middle of {Ab9} an alimony [G7] plea.
Has to {C} stop and help 'em {C7} pour, when the {F} clock strikes {Fm↓} four!,
{C} Everything {G7} stops for [C] tea.

{E7} It's a {Am} very good {E7} English {Am} custom,
{E7} Though the {Am} weather be {E7} cold or [Am] hot.
When you [D7] need a little pickup, you'll [G] find a little teacup,
Will [D7] always hit the [G] spot.

You {C} remember {C#dim} Cleo[G7]patra
Had a {C} date to meet {Ab9} Mark Anthony at [G7] 3.
When he {C} came an hour {C7} late, she said you'll {F} have to {Fm↓} wait!
{C} Everything {G7} stops for [C] tea.

Oh they{C} may be {C#dim} playing [G7] football,
And the {C} crowd is yelling, {Ab9} Kill the [G7] referee!
But no {C} matter what the {C7} score, when the {F} clock strikes {Fm↓} four!
{C} Everything {G7} stops for [C] tea.

Oh the [C] golfer {C#dim} may be [G7] golfing,
And be {C} just about to {Ab9} make a hole in [G7] three.
But it {C} always gets them {C7} sore when the {F} clock yells {Fm↓} four!
{C} Everything {G7} stops for [C] tea.

{E7} It's a {Am} very good {E7} English {Am} custom,
{E7} And a {Am} stimulant {E7} for the [Am] brain.
When you [D7] feel a little weary, a [G] cup will make you cheery
And it's [D7] cheaper than [G] champagne.

Now I [C] know just {C#dim} why Franz [G7] Schubert
Didn't {C} finish his un-{Ab9} finished [G7] symphony.
He {C} might have written {C7} more, but the {F} clock struck {Fm↓} four!
{C} And everything {G7} stops for (C) tea! (↑↓G7)(↓C)