EVERYTHING STOPS FOR TEA

Intro 4 bars

Oh, the factory 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

Now, the golfer may be golfing  
And is just about to make a hole-in-three  
It always gets them sore 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

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

Oh the soldiers may be fighting  
In trenches or a battleship at the sea  
But there isn't any war when the clock strikes 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 will make you cheery  
And it's cheaper than champagne

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

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