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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