

Pete Seeger

"Song Of The World's Last Whale"

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I heard the song
Of the world's last whale
As I rocked in the moonlight
And reefed the sail

It'll happen to you
Also without fail
If it happens to me
Sang the world's last whale

It was down off Bermuda
Early last spring
Near an underwater mountain
Where the humpbacks sing

I lowered the microphone
About a quarter mile down
Switched on the recorder
Let the tape spin around

I didn't just hear grunting
I didn't just hear squeaks
I didn't just hear bellows
I didn't just hear shrieks

It was the musical singing
And the passionate wail
That came from the heart
Of the world's last whale

Down in the Antarctic
There, the harpoons wait
But it's up on the land
You decide my fate

In London town
They'll be telling the tale
If it's life or death
For the world's last whale

So here's a little test
To see how you feel

Here's a little test
For this age of the automobile

If we can save
Our singers up in the sea
Perhaps there's a chance
To save you and me

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