Pete Seeger "The 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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