

# Song Of The World's Last Whale

Pete Seeger

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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