

When We Boiled Our Tea Leaves Twice

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[G] [G] [C]

In the [C] days of bread and dripping and that [F] good old cocky's joy,
When [G] home-made dolls and shanghais were the battlers kiddie's [C] toys [C]
We used to dream of luxury but [F] couldn't raise the price,
So we [G] had to save our bumpers and boil the tea leaves [C] twice.

In the [C] days of darning needles, patching [F] clothes and making do,
Dear [G] Mother at the wash-tub, bar of soap and bubbles [C] blue, [C]
She had so little comfort but she [F] kept the old place nice,
In those [G] days of saving bumpers n' boiling tea leaves [C] twice.
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In the [C] days of horse and sulky and [F] mail-order catalogues,
Of [G] cross cut saw and broad axe to work and sleeper [C] logs, [C]
When the day was done we dined on [F] rabbit stew and rice,
And [G] then we smoked our bumpers 'n boiled the tea leaves [C] twice.

In the [C] days of Vicks, camphor, Epsom [F] salts and castor oil,
When we [G] used the good old Clydesdale and plough to work the [C] soil, [C]
We could use the forge 'n anvil, twist the [F] green hide rope and splice,
Back [G] when we saved our bumpers 'n boil the tea leaves [C] twice.
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In the [C] days of old bark humpies and [F] wind-up gramophones,
When we [G] used to sharpen axes on that big old grinding [C] stone, [C]
We had gramma pie for smoko and [F] ravaged every slice,
Back [G] when we saved our bumpers 'n boiled our tea leaves [C] twice.
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In the [C] days of storytellers and [F] men who could recite,
When [G] arguments were settled with a clean bare knuckle [C] fight, [C]
And I think in spite of progress with each [F] work-saving device,
We were [G] happier saving bumpers 'n boiling tea leaves [C] twice,
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Cocky's Joy – Golden Syrup or Treacle

Bumper – butt end of a cigarette

bubbles blue - refers to famous Reckitt's Blue Bags put in with the wash to 'whiten' it.

Gramma pie – a pie made from baked 'squash' - a recipe of the 1850s from northern NSW

