

The BALLAD of the CAPE COD BEAR

**COME ALL YOU TENDER-HEARTED FOLK
WHO HAVE SOME TIME TO SPARE
I'LL SING TO YOU A VERSE ABOUT
OUR FRIEND THE CAPE COD BEAR
HE CAME DOWN HERE TO SPEND A WHILE
IN THE LOVELY MONTH OF JUNE
BECAME OUR FAVORITE VISITOR
BUT LEFT US ALL TOO SOON**

**THEY SAY HE SWAM THE OLD CANAL
ONE DARK AND WINDY NIGHT
MOST LIKELY TOOK HIS BEARINGS FROM
THE BEAMS OF HIGHLAND LIGHT
IT'S A MYSTERY WHERE HE CAME FROM -
- MAYBE WOODS WAY UP IN MAINE
HE'D WOO AND WIN THE PERFECT MATE
OR HIS TRIP WOULD BE IN VAIN**

***THE BEAR WAS BRAVE, THE BEAR WAS BOLD
WHO SWAM THE CANAL, DEEP, DARK, AND COLD
ACROSS THE CAPE LET HIS TALE BE TOLD
AND GOOD LUCK TO THE CAPE COD BEAR!***

**A BOY BEAR SEEKING COMPANY
HAD FOUND A LONELY SHORE
NO OTHER BEARS HERE ON THE CAPE
FOR A HUNDRED YEARS OR MORE
THOUGH ROMANTIC HIS INTENTIONS
OUR FRIEND WOULD SOON FIND OUT
THE LADIES ALL WERE SOMEWHERE ELSE
THERE WAS BARELY ANY DOUBT**

**A SINGLE BEAR IS A LONELY BEAR
AND A FELLA NEEDS A FRIEND
IN SANDWICH, DENNIS, ORLEANS
WOULD HIS WANDERINGS HAVE NO END?
BREWSTER, WELLFLEET, P'TOWN
BACK DOWN THE CAPE AGAIN
SOMEONE WAS SURE TO SPOT HIM
BUT NO ONE KNEW WHERE OR WHEN**

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(CHORUS)

**BUT I'M PLEASED TO SAY HIS VISIT
WAS WITHOUT A GRISLY CLOSE
CAPTURED AND THEN TRANQUILIZED
ASLEEP FROM TAIL TO NOSE
THEN GENTLY LOADED ON A TRUCK
BOUND FOR THE WESTERN HILLS
THE TALES THAT HE COULD TELL HIS PALS
WOULD GIVE THEM ALL THE CHILLS**

**BUT THIS SONG WILL NEED ANOTHER VERSE
IF HE EVER MAKES IT BACK
HE SEEMS TO BE DETERMINED
AND OF COURAGE THERE'S NO LACK
HE WAS SEEN AGAIN IN BROOKLINE
AND BROUGHT DOWN OUT OF A TREE
FOR ANOTHER TRIP TO THE MOUNTAINS
WAY OUT PAST CHICOPEE**

(CHORUS)

**LIFE DOWN HERE'S BEEN KINDA SAD
'CAUSE WE MISS YOUR BEARITONE ROAR
BUT AS WE CHEER THE BRUINS THIS WINTER
WE'LL REMEMBER YOU ONCE MORE
WITH MAMA BEAR AND BABY BEAR
YOU'D BE WELCOME BACK SOME DAY
WE'LL GET THE PORRIDGE READY
WHEN WE KNOW YOU'RE ON YOUR WAY!**

(CHORUS)

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