

# The Lion Sleeps Tonight

Solomon Linda (1939) – as recorded by The Tokens 1961

**INTRO: / 1 2 3 4 /**

[F] / [Bb] / [F] / [C] /  
[F] / [Bb] / [F] / [C] /

## (GIRLS ONLY)

[F] We-de-de-de, de-[Bb]de-de-de-de [F] we-um-um-a-way [C]  
[F] We-de-de-de, de-[Bb]de-de-de-de [F] we-um-um-a-way [C]

## (GUYS ONLY)

A [F] wimoweh, a-wimoweh a-[Bb]wimoweh, a-wimoweh  
A [F] wimoweh, a-wimoweh a-[C]wimoweh, a-wimoweh

A [F] wimoweh, a-wimoweh a-[Bb]wimoweh, a-wimoweh  
A [F] wimoweh, a-wimoweh a-[C]wimoweh, a-wimoweh

## VERSE 1 (EVERYONE)

[F] In the jungle, the [Bb] mighty jungle, the [F] lion sleeps to-[C]night  
[F] In the jungle, the [Bb] quiet jungle, the [F] lion sleeps to-[C]night

## CHORUS: (GIRLS AND GUYS – 2 parts sung together)

### 1) (GIRLS)

[F] Weeeeeeee.....[Bb]...ee-ooo-eee-ooo  
[F] we-um-um-a-way [C]  
[F] Weeeeeeee.....[Bb]...ee-ooo-eee-ooo  
[F] we-um-um-a-way [C]

### 2) (GUYS)

A [F] wimoweh, a-wimoweh a-[Bb]wimoweh, a-wimoweh  
A [F] wimoweh, a-wimoweh a-[C]wimoweh, a-wimoweh

A [F] wimoweh, a-wimoweh a-[Bb]wimoweh, a-wimoweh  
A [F] wimoweh, a-wimoweh a-[C]wimoweh, a-wimoweh

## VERSE 2 (EVERYONE)

[F] Near the village, the [Bb] peaceful village, the [F] lion sleeps to-[C]night  
[F] Near the village, the [Bb] quiet village, the [F] lion sleeps to-[C]night

**CHORUS: (GIRLS AND GUYS – 2 parts sung together w/JUNGLE animals)**

**1) (GIRLS)**

[F] Weeeeeeee.....[Bb]...ee-ooo-eee-ooo

[F] we-um-um-a-way [C]

[F] BRRReeee.....[Bb]...ee-ooo-eee-ooo

[F] we-um-um-a-way [C]

**2) (GUYS)**

A [F] wimoweh, a-wimoweh a-[Bb]wimoweh, a-wimoweh

A [F] wimoweh, a-wimoweh a-[C]wimoweh, a-wimoweh

A [F] wimoweh, a-wimoweh a-[Bb]wimoweh, a-wimoweh

A [F] wimoweh, a-wimoweh a-[C]wimoweh, a-wimoweh

**VERSE 3 (GIRLS only 1<sup>st</sup> line, EVERYONE sings 2<sup>nd</sup> line)**

[F] Hush my darling don't [Bb] fear my darling, the [F] lion sleeps to-[C]night

[F] Hush my darling don't [Bb] fear my darling, the [F] lion sleeps to-[C]night

**CHORUS: (GIRLS AND GUYS – 2 parts sung together)**

**1) (GIRLS)**

[F] Weeeeeeee.....[Bb]...ee-ooo-eee-ooo

[F] we-um-um-a-way [C]

[F] Weeeeeeee.....[Bb]...ee-ooo-eee-ooo

[F] we-um-um-a-way [C]

**2) (GUYS)**

A [F] wimoweh, a-wimoweh a-[Bb]wimoweh, a-wimoweh

A [F] wimoweh, a-wimoweh a-[C]wimoweh, a-wimoweh

A [F] wimoweh, a-wimoweh a-[Bb]wimoweh, a-wimoweh

A [F] wimoweh, a-wimoweh a-[C]wimoweh, a-wimoweh

**(GIRLS ONLY)**

[F]↓ We-de-de-de, de-[Bb]↓ de-de-de-de [F]↓ we-um-um-a-way [C]↓

[F]↓ We-de-de-de, de-[Bb]↓ de-de-de-de [F]↓ we-um-um-a-way [C]↓

