

# 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] /

**LEADER/GIRLS:** <SOFTLY>

[F] **We-dee-dee-dee, dee-[Bb]dee-dee-dee-dee**

[F] **We-um-um-a-way [C]**

[F] **We-dee-dee-dee, dee-[Bb]dee-dee-dee-dee**

[F] **We-um-um-a-way [C]**

<LEADER/GUYS 1/GUYS 2 TOGETHER>

**LEADER/GUYS 1:** A-[F]way up high [Bb] / [F] / [C]

**GUYS 2:** <SOFTLY>

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

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

**LEADER/GUYS 1:** A-[F]way up high [Bb] / [F] / [C] /

**GUYS 2:** <SOFTLY>

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

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

**EVERYONE:** <SOFTLY>

[F] In the jungle, the [Bb] mighty jungle, the [F] lion sleeps to-[C]night  
(DESCANT BEGINS)

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

**LEADER: HUP HUP**

**GIRLS AND GUYS:** <2 parts sung together - LOUDER>

**LEADER/GIRLS:**

[F] **Weeeeeeeee.....[Bb]ee-ooo-eee-ooo**

[F] **We-um-um-a-way .....[C]**

[F] **Weeeeeeeee.....[Bb]ee-ooo-eee-ooo**

[F] **We-um-um-a-way.....[C]**

**LEADER/GUYS 1:** A-[F]way up high [Bb] / [F] / [C]

**GUYS 2:**

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

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

**LEADER/GUYS 1:** A-[F]way up high [Bb] / [F] / [C] /

**GUYS 2:**

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

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

**EVERYONE:** <SOFTLY>

[F] Near the village, the [Bb] peaceful village, the [F] lion sleeps to-[C]night  
(DESCANT BEGINS)

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

**LEADER: HUP HUP**

**GIRLS AND GUYS: <2 parts sung together – LOUDER - JUNGLE sounds on BRR>**

**LEADER/GIRLS:**

[F] Weeeeeeee.....[Bb] ee-ooo-eee-ooo  
[F] We-um-um-a-way.....[C]  
[F]↓ BRRReeee.....[Bb] **JUNGLE ANIMAL SOUNDS...**  
[F] .....[C]

**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

**LEADER/GIRLS: <SOFTLY>**

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

**EVERYONE: <SOFTLY>  
(DESCANT BEGINS)**

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

**LEADER: HUP HUP**

**LEADER/GIRLS/GUYS/DESCANT: <4 parts sung together – LOUD – FULL OUT>**

**LEADER:**

.....A-[F]whoah-oh-oh [Bb] whoah-oh-oh, a-[F]whoah-oh-a-wimoway  
.....[C] ee-ee-ee-[F]eeee-[Bb]ee, oo-ee-oo, a-[F]wimoweh, a-wim-a-way [C]

**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]

**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

**LEADER/GIRLS: <SOFTLY>**

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

