We Men Must Grow A Mustache
That’s One Thing That The Girls Can’t Do!
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Verse 1:
F          D7      G7                C7        F
Johnny was a high school boy so shy,
          C                Cdim    C7    C      F         Fdim F
His teacher chose poor Johnny, For the classroom orator,
          Cdim           C
Johnny made a speech Commencement Day,
          Cdim   G7                               C7
And miles away folks heard him say:

Chorus:
F                               C7                           F               D7
We men (he men) must grow (that’s so) a mustache!
          G7
That’s one thing that the girls can’t do,
          C7                                                  F
They wear our knickerbockers and they keep gin in their lockers,
          G7                                           C7
I    took my Sheba rowing and she paddled my canoe!
F Gd G7 F Bb       F
I   envy Adam in Eden,
          Bb                                           Bb7  A7
He grew a beard it made Eve jealous too,
          C7        F                                C7                          F             D7
So we men (he men) must grow (that’s so) a mustache,
          G7                                                Bbm6 C7    F    G7 C7
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That’s one thing that the girls can’t do,
C7                                                   F
They’re smoking in our smokers and I’ve seen some lady toppers,
G7                                        C7
I dated up a Sheba and she asked me for a chew!
F                               Gd                           G7                           F   Bb               F
Bring back those old fashioned whiskers,
Bb                                            Bb7        A7
The kind that father strained his noodles thru,
C7        F                                C7                          F             D7
So we men (he men) must grow (that’s so) a mustache,
G7                         Bbm6 C7    F  G7 C7
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F                           C7                           F               D7
We men (he men) must grow (that’s so) a mustache!
G7
That’s one thing that the girls can’t do,
C7                                                   F
Some gals are politicians and they graft our best positions,
G7                                        C7
It’s just enough to drive a Man to drink his own home-brew
F  Gd    G7  F     Bb             F
I dream of old fashioned kisses,
Bb                                            Bb7           A7
I   hate the kind that leave you black and blue,
C7        F                                C7                          F             D7
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G7
That's one thing that the girls can't do,
   C7  F
They juggle grand pianos and they wear our best pajamas,
G7  C7
They loaf around in barbershops and some gals own them too,
   F       Gd G7  F       Bb  F
When I go swimmin' the wimmin,
   Bb                    Bb7  A7
They jump on me and duck me till I'm blue,
   C7  F  C7  F  D7
So we men (he men) must grow (that's so) a mustache,
   G7  Bbm6 C7  F  G7  C7
That's one thing that the girls can't do.

F   C7  F            D7
We men (he men) must grow (that's so) a mustache!
G7
That's one thing that the girls can't do,
   C7  F
They carry automatics and they shoot us in our attics,
G7  C7
If I should go out after dark I'd meet my Waterloo,
   F       Gd G7  F       Bb  F
Remember old Rip Van Winkle,
   Bb                    Bb7  A7
What Rip Van Winkle did, we men can do,
   C7  F  C7  F  D7
So we men (he men) must grow (that's so) a mustache,
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C7                                                           F
They swam the English Channel and they never wore no flannel,
G7                                                    C7
A gal I know beats me at pool she shakes a wicked cue,
F   Gd     G7     F Bb       F
We men must gather together,
Bb                                    Bb7       A7
And show the women folks a thing or two,
C7        F                                C7                          F             D7
So we men (he men) must grow (that’s so) a mustache,
G7                         Bbm6 C7    F
That’s one thing that the girls can’t do.

Verse 2:
F          D7      G7            C7     F
Johnny fell in love with Mary Dove,
C       Cdim    C7          C      F                  Fdim       F
He grew a mustache oh so brown, She turned poor Johnny down,
Cdim            C
She said, “If you’ll shave your Joy and Pride,
Cdim  G7                            C7
I’ll be your bride, But John replied: