PLASTIC FANTASTIC?
THE MUSICAL

SONG BOOK
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Song One – LET'S CALL IT BAKELITE!

I find myself upon this stage addressing you today
It seems that I am lost for words and don’t know what to say!
(Hhm Hmm)
A man of modest character, I’m hoping you’ll agree
My latest innovation should be named . . . after . . . me!!!

(Chorus)
Let’s call it Bakelite (Audience: Bakelite)
Bakelite (Audience: Bakelite)
Material to make a thousand things
We’ll call it Bakelite (Audience: Bakelite)
Bakelite (Audience: Bakelite)
This is where the brave new world begins!

I’d like to introduce to you this substance in my hand
The very first material entirely made by man!
It’s cheap to make, inflammable and versatile you’ll see
I hope it will become a very useful thing indeed

(Chorus)

For seven years I wrestled with this volatile compound
It fizzed and popped and multiplied and spread itself around
But when I set the temperature , and pressure was just so
The chain reaction settled down and Bingo! Hey Presto!

(Chorus)

It’s smooth and soft and shiny and creates a seamless form
The lines you can design are flowing, and it feels quite warm;
You’ll find that nothing can dissolve it, make it rot away
This Bakelite that I’ve invented will be here to stay!

(Chorus x 2)
Let's Call It Bakelite

Swung Semiquaver

\( \text{D} \)  

I find myself upon this stage and

dressing you today It seems that I am lost for words don't know what to say

man of modest character I'm hoping you'll agree

My latest innovation should be named after me!

Let's call it Bakelite (Bakelite) Bakelite (Bakelite)

Material to make a thousand things Let's call it Bakelite (Bakelite)

Bakelite (Bakelite) This is where the brave new world begins

\( \text{Chorus} \)
Verse

D

A

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For seven years I wrestled with this volatile compound
It’s smooth and soft and shiny and creates a seamless form
The very first material entirely made by man
It’s fizzed and popped and multiplied and spread itself around
But lines you can design are flowing plus it feels quite warm
You’ll cheap to make inflammable and versatile you’ll see
When I set the temperature and pressure was just so
Find that nothing can dissolve it make it rot away
I hope it will become a very useful thing indeed
Let’s call it the chain reaction settled down and bingo
Hey presto!
This Bakelite that I’ve invented will be here to stay!

Chorus

D

A

Bakelite (Bakelite) Bakelite (Bakelite)
Materi-al to make a thousand things
Let’s call it Bakelite (Bakelite) Bakelite (Bakelite)
This is where the brave new world begins
gins Let's call it Bak-e-lite (Bak-e-lite) Bak-e-lite (Bak-e-lite)

Material to make a thousand things Let's call it Bak-e-lite (Bak-e-lite)

Bak-e-lite (Bak-e-lite) This is where the brave new world begins
Song Two - PLASTIC FANTASTIC

(Chorus)
Plastic plastic, so fantastic
It’s the latest trend
(Boo bedoobedoodoo)
Innovation, every nation,
It will never never end!
(Boo bedoobedoodoo)

A thousand different things that can be
Made from this great stuff
The world we’ve known is changing
And we just can’t get enough!
A Plastic Revolution’s coming
Nothing is the same
A box has now been opened
Bearing old Pandora’s name!

(Chorus)
Plastic plastic, so fantastic
It’s the latest trend
(Boo bedoobedoodoo)
Innovation, every nation,
It will never never end!
(Boo bedoobedoodoo)

(Instrumental)

(Chorus x 2)
Plastic plastic, so fantastic
It’s the latest trend
(Boo bedoobedoodoo)
Innovation, every nation,
It will never never end!
(Boo bedoobedoodoo)
Plastic Fantastic

Swung Semiquaver  
\( \text{\textit{Intro}} \)

\( \text{\textit{Am}} \quad \text{\textit{D}}^7 \quad \text{\textit{Bm}} \quad \text{\textit{Bm}} \quad \text{\textit{Am}} \quad \text{\textit{D}}^7 \quad \text{\textit{Bm}} \quad \text{\textit{Bm}} \)

\( \text{\textit{Am}} \quad \text{\textit{D}}^7 \quad \text{\textit{Bm}} \quad \text{\textit{Bm}} \quad \text{\textit{Am}} \quad \text{\textit{D}}^7 \)

\( \text{\textit{Am}} \quad \text{\textit{D}}^7 \quad \text{\textit{Bm}} \quad \text{\textit{Bm}} \quad \text{\textit{Am}} \quad \text{\textit{D}}^7 \)

\( \text{\textit{Am}} \quad \text{\textit{D}}^7 \quad \text{\textit{Bm}} \quad \text{\textit{Bm}} \quad \text{\textit{Am}} \quad \text{\textit{D}}^7 \)

\( \text{\textit{Chorus}} \)

\( \text{\textit{G}} \quad \text{\textit{D}} \)

Plastic plastic so fant-tas-tic it’s the la-test trend Boo be doo be doo doo

\( \text{\textit{D}}^7 \)

inn-o-va-tion ev-ery na-tion it will ne-ver ne-ver

\( \text{\textit{G}} \)

end Boo be doo be doo doo
A thousand different things that can be made from this great stuff

The

world we've known is changing and we just can't get enough

A

plastic revolutions coming nothing is the same

A

box has now been opened bearing old Pandor-a's name

Chorus

Plastic plastic so fantastic it's the latest trend Boo be doo be doo doo

D7

innovation every nation it will never never

G

end Boo be doo be doo doo

[Instrumental (Verse)]

[Instrumental (Verse)]
Plastic plastic so fantastic it's the latest trend Boo be doo be doo doo
innovation every nation it will never never
end Boo be doo be doo doo
end Boo be doo be doo doo
Song Three - GOOD JOB WE'VE GOT PLASTIC!

Good job we’ve got plastic  
Things are looking up!  
Good job we’ve got plastic  
We’re gonna have enough  
Bright and cool  
Strong and smooth  
Make anything  
That we want it too  
Hey!

Good job we’ve got plastic!  
We can have fun!  
Good job we’ve got plastic  
Stuff for everyone!  
Telephones  
Radios  
Furniture  
And even clothes  
Hey!

(Instrumental)

Good job we’ve got plastic  
We can have a ball!  
Good job we’ve got plastic  
We can have it all!  
We could do anything  
We wanted to  
Even send a rocket  
To the moon!  
Hey!

Good job!!!!!!
Good Job We've Got Plastic

Swing

\( J = 168 \)

**Intro**

\[ D^7 \quad D^7 \quad D^7 \quad D^7 \quad G^7 \quad G^7 \quad D^7 \quad D^7 \]

**Verse**

15

\[ A^7 \quad G^7 \quad A^7 \quad G^7 \quad N.C. \]

2. Good job we've got plastic Things are loo-king up!

We can have fun

19

\[ D^7 \quad D^7 \quad D^7 \]

Good job we've got plastic We're gonna have enough

Stuff for e-veryone

24

\[ A^7 \quad G^7 \]

Bright and cool string and smooth

Tel-ephones Ra-di-os

26

\[ A^7 \quad G^7 \]

make any thing we want it to

Fur-ni-ture and e-ven clothes
DANCING

Good job we've got plastic We can have a ball!

Good job we've got plastic We can have it all We could do any thing we wanted to even send a rocket to the moon!
Song Four - PLASTIC WORLD

(Chorus)
Welcome (welcome)
To this plastic world
Welcome (welcome)
Boys and girls
Nothing (nothing)
Is what it seems
Plastic's filling up this world we're in!

You've got plastic spoons and plastic forks
Drinking out of plastic with a plastic straw
Your toys are plastic, the shoes you're in
Plastic's seeping through your skin

(Chorus)

You've got plastic wrapped round your food and drink
Plastic wrapped round everything
Plastic in your ears and on your face
Plastic's taking over the Human Race!

(Chorus)

Plastic windows, plastic doors
Plastic covering on your floors
Plastic bowl in your kitchen sink
Plastic wires in everything

(Chorus)

Plastic smiles on plastic faces
Plastic money to get you places
Plastic in your body to improve your shape
There is no way to escape!

(Chorus x 2)  Welcome!!!!!
Verse

26

Am Dm Am

plastic spoons and plastic forks
plastic wrapped a round your food and drink
plastic windows plastic doors
plastic smiles on plastic faces
plastic wrapped a round_
plastic mats on
plastic money to get

29

E Am Dm

a plastic straw
your toys are plastic the shoes you're in
ev'ry thing plastic in your ears and on your face gonna
plastic floors plastic bowl in your kitchen sink
you places plastic in our bodies to improve the shape

32

E E E

plastic seeing through your skin
wrap you up in plastic to keep you safe
plastic wires in every thing
there is no way to escape

Chorus

35

Am Dm Am E Am

to this plastic world welcome boys and girls nothing is__
what it seems plastic's filling up the world we're in

40

Dm E E

welcome

43

Am E Am E Am

Welcome!
Song Five – A HUNDRED YEARS OF PLASTIC

A hundred years ago a great inventor
Shared his new discovery with the world,
Substance that would have a thousand uses,
Wondered how the story would unfold

(Chorus)
Oh oh – what have we done
With this gift he gave?
What a mess we’ve made!
Oh oh – what have we done
Now we must try to put it right

A hundred years of plastic on this planet
It has been a crazy love affair
We know that we could never live without it
But living with it drives us to despair!

(Chorus)
Oh oh – what have we done
With this gift he gave?
What a mess we’ve made!
Oh oh – what have we done
Now we must try to put it right

A hundred years from now a child will question
How the world became as it will be
Will they hear of people who have listened
Or will they hear of selfishness and greed?

(Chorus)
Oh – what have we done
With this gift he gave?
What a mess we’ve made!
Oh oh – what have we done
Now we must try to put it right

(solo) Now we must try to put it right.
A Hundred Years Of Plastic

Plastic Fantastic

Intro

Dm Am E Am Dm Am E

1.

2. Am

Verse

A hundred years ago a great inventor
hundred years of plastic on this planet
hundred years from now a child will question

shared his new discovery with the world
It has been a crazy love affair
We

Substance that would have a thousand uses
know that we could never live without it
But

Will he hear of people who have listened
Or

Wondered how the story would unfold
living with it drives us to despair
Oh

Will he hear of selfishness and greed

Chorus

Dm Am E Am

1.

2.

3.

4.

oh What have we done With this gift he gave? What a mess we've made Oh
oh What have we done Now we must try to put it right A

Final Chorus

oh What have we done With this gift he gave? What a mess we've made Oh

oh What have we done Now we must try to put it right

right Now we must try to put it right
Song Six – NO MORE!

(Chorus)
No More! Plastic waste in our town!
No! This has got to end right now!
Soon you're gonna see aint gonna be
A tide of plastic waste from our town!

This plastic straw explosion
Is way out of control
Each year we all use hundreds
Everyone I know
We never even ask ourselves
What it’s coming to
Where these straws are going or
The damage they will do
Woaoaoa!

(Chorus)
No More! Plastic waste in our town
No! This has got to end right now!
Soon you're gonna see aint gonna be
A tide of plastic waste from our town!

It’s such an urgent problem
We mustn’t only talk
Or think of it at something
That governments should stop
We can make a start right here
Do what is in our hearts
Joining hands across the world
We’ll change the way things are
Woaoaoa!

(Chorus)
No More! Plastic waste in our town
No! This has got to end right now!
Soon you're gonna see aint gonna be
A tide of plastic waste from our town!

No More!
No More!

Medium Funk

\[ \text{\textbf{Intro}} \]

\[ \begin{align*}
E & \quad C & \quad D & \quad E & \quad C & \quad D & \quad E & \quad C \\
\end{align*} \]

\[ \begin{align*}
D & \quad C & \quad D & \quad E & \quad C & \quad D & \quad 1. E & \quad 2. E \\
\end{align*} \]

\[ \begin{align*}
C & \quad D & \quad E & \quad C & \quad D & \quad E \\
\end{align*} \]

\[ \text{Plastic straws in our town no!} \]
\[ \text{Plastic waste in our town no!} \]

\[ \text{This has got to end right now!} \]

\[ \begin{align*}
C & \quad D & \quad E & \quad C & \quad D & \quad E \\
\end{align*} \]

\[ \text{Soon you're gon-na see} \]
\[ \text{There ain't gon-na be A} \]

\[ \begin{align*}
C & \quad D & \quad E & \quad C & \quad D & \quad E \\
\end{align*} \]

\[ \text{Single plastic straw in our town} \]
\[ \text{Tide of plastic waste from our town} \]

\[ \begin{align*}
C & \quad D & \quad E & \quad C & \quad D & \quad E \\
\end{align*} \]

\[ \text{Plastic straw explosion is way out of control} \]
\[ \text{Each year we all use hundreds of} \]
\[ \text{such an urgent problem we must only talk} \]
\[ \text{Or think of it as something that} \]

\[ \begin{align*}
G & \quad E \\
\end{align*} \]

\[ \text{Very one I know} \]
\[ \text{Never ever ask ourselves what it's coming to} \]

\[ \begin{align*}
G & \quad C & \quad G \\
\end{align*} \]

\[ \text{Governments should sort} \]
\[ \text{We can make a start here} \]
\[ \text{Do what's in our hearts} \]
Where these straws are going or the damage they will do
Joining hands across the world we'll change the way things are

Plastic waste in our town no! This has got to end right now!

Soon you're gonna see There ain't gonna be

Tide of plastic waste from our town No more!
Song Seven – THE OCEAN CLEAN UP SONG

Plastic plastic everywhere now
And it seems we just don't care
I'm thinkin' it's so sad!
Think I know what can be done but
People say I'm just too young
I'm thinkin' that's too bad! Let's go!

(Chorus)
Oooh ooh ooh ooh - Gotta draw a line
Oooh ooh ooh ooh - We still got time
Oooh ooh ooh ooh - Plans into motion
Oooh ooh ooh ooh - Clean up the Ocean
Clean up the Ocean

(clap clap, clap clap, clap clap, clap clap)

Problem's growing day by day it
Isn't going to go away
You hear me out now!
I have seen a great solution
That will clean up this pollution
Hear me shout now!

(Chorus x 3)
Oooh ooh ooh ooh - Gotta draw a line
Oooh ooh ooh ooh - We still got time
Oooh ooh ooh ooh - Plans into motion
Oooh ooh ooh ooh - Clean up the Ocean
Clean up the Ocean

(clap clap, clap clap, clap clap, clap clap)
Ocean Clean Up

Funky Shuffle

\[ \text{Intro} \quad D \hspace{1cm} D \hspace{1cm} D \hspace{1cm} D \hspace{1cm} D \]

Plastic Fantastic

\[ \text{Verse} \quad D \hspace{1cm} D \hspace{1cm} D \hspace{1cm} D \]

Plastic plastic every where now and it seems we_

Prob-lém's grow-ing day by day it is - n't going to_

\[ \text{8} \quad A \hspace{1cm} D \hspace{1cm} D \hspace{1cm} D \hspace{1cm} D \]

just don't care I'm think-in' it's so sad Think I know what
go a - way you_ hear_ me out now! I have seen a

\[ \text{12} \quad D \hspace{1cm} D \hspace{1cm} D \hspace{1cm} D \]

can be done but pe - ople say I'm
great so - lu - tion that will clean up

\[ \text{14} \quad A \hspace{1cm} D \hspace{1cm} D \hspace{1cm} D \]

just too young and I'm think-ing that's too bad!

\[ \text{Chorus} \quad D \hspace{1cm} D \hspace{1cm} D \hspace{1cm} D \]

just this poll - u - tion_ hear_ me shout now!

\[ \text{17} \quad D \hspace{1cm} D \hspace{1cm} D \hspace{1cm} D \]

Ooh ooh ooh ooh Got-ta draw a line Ooh ooh ooh ooh We still got time

\[ \text{21} \quad G \hspace{1cm} G \hspace{1cm} D \]

Ooh ooh ooh ooh Plans in to mo - tion Ooh ooh ooh ooh
Clean up the ocean
Clean up the ocean
(clap clap)

(clap clap)
(clap clap)
(clap clap)

Ooh ooh ooh ooh
Got-ta draw a line
Ooh ooh ooh ooh
We still got time

Ooh ooh ooh ooh
Plans in to mo-tion
Ooh ooh ooh ooh
Clean up the ocean

Clean up the ocean
(clap clap)
(clap clap)

(clap clap)
(clap clap)
(clap clap)
Song Eight – CHAIN REACTION

(Chorus)
What if we keep on trying? What if we don’t give in?
Maybe the earth is calling - people are listening
We can cause a chain reaction with every action we take
Maybe it’s not too late

Consumers, why don’t we cut consuming
Make sure corporations know
Surely they would cut producing
If money didn’t flow

(Chorus)
What if we keep on trying? What if we don’t give in?
Maybe the earth is calling - people are listening
We can cause a chain reaction with every action we take
Maybe it’s not too late

Protestors, why don’t we ask for justice
Lobby for government support
Surely it would slow pollution
If justice was enforced

(Chorus)
What if we keep on trying? What if we don’t give in?
Maybe the earth is calling - people are listening
We can cause a chain reaction with every action we take
Maybe it’s not too late

Inventors, come up with great ideas
Plastic that’s friendly to the earth
Surely there can be a future
Where nature isn’t hurt

(Chorus x 3)
What if we keep on trying? What if we don’t give in?
Maybe the earth is calling - people are listening
We can cause a chain reaction with every action we take
Maybe it’s not too late
Chain Reaction

Plastic Fantastic

Key: A
Tempo: 72

Intro

A D A D A D A

Chorus

D Fm B G E A A

A D A D

What if we keep on trying
What if we don't give in

May-be the earth is calling
People are listening

Fm

B

We can cause a chain reaction
with every action

G E A A

- tion we take
May-be it's not too late
Verse  
A

Con-sum-ers why don't we stop con-su-ming
Pro-test-ors why don't we ask for jus-tice
In-ven-tors come up with great i-dea-s

A

G

Make sure cor-por-a-tions know Sure-ly they would cut pro-duc-
Lob-by for gov-ern-ment sup-port Sure-ly It would slow poll-u-
Pla-stic that's friend-ly to the earth Sure-ly there can be a fu-

G

Bm

E

E

-ping if mo-ney did-not flow
-tion if jus-tice was en-forced
-ture where na-ture is-not hurt

Chorus

A

D

A

D

What if we keep on try-ing What if we don't give in-

A

D

A

D

May-be the earth is call-ing Peo-ple are list-en-ing-

F#m

B

G

We can cause a chain re-ac-tion with e-very ac-tion we take

E

A

A

A

May-be it's not too late
PLASTIC FANTASTIC? THE MUSICAL

This original musical is available to use free of charge, either in part or as a whole, by schools, youth groups and theatre groups

Plastic Fantastic? was inspired by the story of Boyan Slat.

As a teenager he dared to dream he could invent a way of cleaning up the ocean from plastic waste. His dream is becoming a reality with the launch of The Ocean Clean Up in the Pacific Ocean in 2018

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