

We Real Cool

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Who took your measurements?
From your toes to the top of your head
Yea, you know
Who bought you clothes and new shoes
And wrote you a book you never read
Yea, you know
Who was it, yeah, you know, we real cool
On the far side of the morning,
Who was it, yeah you know, we real cool
Now I hope you're listening, are you?
Who was it you called the good shepherd,
Rounding up the kids for their meal
Who chased your shadow running out behind
Clinging to your high flying heels
Your high flying, high flying, high flying heels
Who was it, yeah you know, we real cool
On the far side of the morning, who was it
Yeah you know, we real cool

And I hope you're listening too
Who measured the distance from the planets
Right down to your big blue spinning world
And heartbeats and tears and nervous laughter
Spilling down all over you, girl
Who was it, yeah you know, we real cool
And the world keeps on turning
Who was it, yeah you know, we real cool
And I hope you're listening, are you?
Sirius is 8.6 light years away
Arcturus is 37
The past is the past and it's here to stay
With the [pe____]s Heaven
When you don't want to remember, you know
On the far side of the morning
Who was it, yea you know, you're real cool
And I hope you hear me, and you'll call
Yeah, we real cool
Yeah, we real, real cool

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