O, Children

Nick Cave & The Bad Seeds

Pass me that lovely little gun
My dear, my darling one

The cleaners are coming, one by one You don't even want to let them startThey're knocking now upon your door

They measure the room, they know the score

They're mopping up the butcher's floor

Of your broken little hearts(Oh, children)

Forgive us now for what we've done

It started out as a bit of fun

Here, take these before we run away

The keys to the gulag(Oh, children)

(Lift up your voice, lift up your voice)

(Children)

(Rejoice, rejoice)Come on

Come on

Come on

Here comes Frank and poor old Jim

They're gathering round with all my friends

We're older now, and the light is dim

And you are only just beginningOh, children

We have the answer to all your fears

It's short, it's simple, it's crystal-cear

It's roundabout and it's somewhere here

Lost amongst our winnings(Oh, children)

(Lift up your voice, lift up your voice)

(Children)

(Rejoice, rejoice)The cleaners have done their job on you

They're hip to it, man, they're in the groove

They've hosed you down, you're good as new

And they're lining up to inspect youOh children

Poor old Jim's white as a ghost

He's found the answer that was lost

We're all weeping now, weeping because

There ain't nothing we can do to protect you(Oh, children)

(Lift up your voice, lift up your voice)

(Children)

(Rejoice, rejoice)(Hey little train, we're jumping on)

(The train that goes to the Kingdom)

We're happy, Ma, we're having fun

And the train ain't even left the station(Hey, little train, wait for me)

(I once was blind but now I see)

And have you left a seat for me?

Is that such a stretch of the imagination?(Hey little train, wait for me)

(I was held in chains but now I'm free)

I'm hanging in there, don't you see?

In this process of elimination(Hey little train, we're jumping on)

(The train that goes to the Kingdom)

We're happy, Ma, we're having fun (children)

It's beyond my wildest expectation (oh, children)(Hey little train, we're jumping on)

(The train that goes to the Kingdom)

We're happy, Ma, we're having fun

The train ain't even left the station (oh, children)

(Hey, little train, wait for me)

(I once was blind but now I see)

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