

What Is This Feeling?

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(feat. Kristin Chenoweth)

[GLINDA]Dearest darlingest Momsie and Popsical...

[ELPHABA]My dear Father...

[BOTH]THERE'S BEEN SOME CONFUSION

OVER ROOMING HERE AT SHIZ ...

[ELPHABA]BUT OF COURSE, I'LL CARE FOR NESSA ...

[GLINDA]BUT OF COURSE, I'LL RISE ABOVE IT ...

[BOTH]FOR I KNOW THAT'S HOW YOU'D WANT ME TO RESPOND

YES, THERE'S BEEN SOME CONFUSION

FOR YOU SEE, MY ROOM-MATE IS ...

[GLINDA]UNUSUALLY AND EXCEEDINGLY PECULIAR
AND ALTOGETHER QUITE IMPOSSIBLE TO DESCRIBE ...

[ELPHABA]BLONDE.

[GLINDA]WHAT IS THIS FEELING

SO SUDDEN AND NEW?

[ELPHABA]I FELT THE MOMENT

I LAID EYES ON YOU ...

[GLINDA]MY PULSE IS RUSHING ...

[ELPHABA]MY HEAD IS REELING ...

[GLINDA]MY FACE IS FLUSHING ...

[BOTH]WHAT IS THIS FEELING?

FERVID AS A FLAME

DOES IT HAVE A NAME?

YES!...

LOATHING

UNADULTERATED LOATHING ...

[GLINDA]FOR YOUR FACE...

[ELPHABA]YOUR VOICE ...

[GLINDA]YOUR CLOTHING ...

[BOTH]LET'S JUST SAY -- I LOATHE IT ALL!

EV'RY LITTLE TRAIT, HOWEVER SMALL
MAKES MY VERY FLESH BEGIN TO CRAWL

WITH SIMPLE UTTER LOATHING

THERE'S A STRANGE EXHILARATION

IN SUCH TOTAL DETESTATION

IT'S SO PURE! SO STRONG!

THOUGH I DO ADMIT IT CAME ON FAST

STILL I DO BELIEVE THAT IT CAN LAST

AND I WILL BE LOATHING
LOATHING YOU
MY WHOLE LIFE LONG!
[STUDENTS]DEAR GLINDA, YOU ARE JUST TOO GOOD!
HOW DO YOU STAND IT? I DON'T THINK I COULD!
SHE'S A TERROR! SHE'S A TARTAR!
WE DON'T MEAN TO SHOW A BIAS
BUT GLINDA YOU'RE A MARTYR!
[GLINDA]WELL ... THESE THINGS ARE SENT TO TRY US!
[STUDENTS]POOR GLINDA, FORCED TO RESIDE
WITH SOMEONE SO DISGUSTICIFIED
WE JUST WANT TO TELL YOU ...
WE'RE ALL ON YOUR SIDE!
WE SHARE YOUR ...

[GLINDA AND ELPHABA sing simultaneously with students (see their part below)]WHAT IS THIS
FEELING

SO SUDDEN AND NEW?
I FELT THE MOMENT
I LAID EYES ON YOU
MY PULSE IS RUSHING
MY HEAD IS REELING
OH, WHAT IS THIS FEELING?
DOES IT HAVE A NAME?
YES...

[STUDENTS:]LOATHING
UNADULTERATED LOATHING
FOR HER FACE, HER VOICE
HER CLOTHING
LET'S JUST SAY:
WE LOATHE IT ALL!
EV'RY LITTLE TRAIT
HOWEVER SMALL
MAKES OUR VERY FLESH
BEGIN TO CRAWL..
[ALL:]AHHH...
LOATHING!

[GLINDA AND ELPHABA:][Here students sing "Loathing" in counter point a number of times]THERE'S A
STRANGE EXHILARATION
IN SUCH TOTAL DETESTATION
SO PURE, SO STRONG!

[STUDENTS]SO STRONG!

[GLINDA AND ELPHABA][Students sing back-up "loathing"]THOUGH I DO ADMIT IT CAME ON FAST
STILL I DO BELIEVE THAT IT CAN LAST ALL
AND I WILL BE LOATHING
FOR FOREVER LOATHING

TRULY, DEEPLY LOATHING YOU LOATHING YOU
FOR MY WHOLE LIFE LONG!
[STUDENTS:]UNADULTERATED LOATHING
[ELPHABA]BOO!

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