

Meet the Elements

They Might Be Giants

Iron is a metal, you see it every day
Oxygen, eventually will make it rust away
Carbon in its ordinary form is coal
Crush it together and diamonds are born
Come on, come on and meet the elements
May I introduce you to our friends, the elements?
Like a box of paints that are mixed to make every shade
They either combine to make a chemical compound
Or stand alone as they are
Neon's a gas that lights up the sign for a pizza place
The coins that you pay with are copper, nickel and zinc
Silicon and oxygen make concrete bricks and glass
Now add some gold and silver for some pizza place class
Come on, come on and meet the elements
I think you should check out the ones they call the elements
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They either combine to make a chemical compound
Or stand alone as they are
Team up with other elements
Making compounds when they combine
Or make up a simple element
Formed out of atoms of the one kind
Balloons are full of helium
And so is every star
Stars are mostly hydrogen
Which may someday fill your car
And who let in all these elephants?
Did you know that elephants are made of elements?
Elephants are mostly made of four elements
And every living thing is mostly made of four elements
Plants, bugs, birds, fish, bacteria and men
Are mostly carbon, hydrogen, nitrogen and oxygen
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You and I are complicated but we're made of elements
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