

The Next Generation

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Autumn Breeze, a Spring Tease
Summer days and winter nights
The seasons change and that's a fact
Is it not Domo Arigato, Danke, Merci? Mothers and daughters, fathers and sons
Here's hoping you'll know the right time when it comes
Like I did 'cause I knew though nobody told
Me a damn thing about how the world grows Right here before you, you can't even blink
If you do, you'll miss it so take time to think
About your position, your place in this world
About what you're here for so check it out, girl Boys to the right and you're in this too
Come on, be real now, can we count on you to be strong?
And to love us like through thick and thin
With your heart and your soul not the size of your dick So check this out
Hey, what's this sitting in my lap?
Why it's the next generation?
And do you know what comes from the best love?
In the world you could possibly ever have
Yes, it's the next generation The children are the chosen ones
Society's got its priorities wrong
The schools are closing down
Don't be messing with our future Black babies, white babies
Quarter Puerto Ricans, two-sixth's Chinese
Any combination you could possibly imagine
But this important as the ground we walk on People are people, you know what I mean
Even the baby with a portaphone
Attached to its buggy pushed by a clone
And the black market baby that unwanted baby For 50,000 it belonged to the rich
Well, he didn't like his face
She said, "It didn't matter"
'Cause her husband was a surgeon You're sick
Ain't, ain't that ain't that sick?
Shucks, it breaks my heart
Operate on a baby, sick Hey, what's that sitting in my lap?
Why it's the next generation?
And do you know what comes from the best love?
In the world you could possibly ever have
Yes, it's the next generation And is it true that even though
They keep you awake at night
Sometimes and mess on your clothes

That you worry about Whether it's really worth the sacrifices
That we all have to make
No matter how rich or poor
Why? Yes, they're the next generation, honey Free up Push, push, push in the bush
Down on your knees with the birds and bees
Your basic needs is what you're fulfilling
This dude down this way must be making a killing 'Cause then in the morning she finds herself illing
You planted a seed that won't grow a tree
'Cause the love that's showing is a baby growing
Inside there's a life that's well worth knowing, knowin', knowin' That's nasty ain't it? If you're gonna do it
Think before you do it and do it right, right Hey, what's this sitting in my lap?
Why it's the next generation? Oh yeah
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In the world you could possibly ever have
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Sometimes and mess on your clothes
That you worry about Whether it's really worth the sacrifices
That we all have to make
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Why? Yes, they're the next generation, honey You know, you know you see
Some people look at them right
Old people, guys on the corner holding on
Girls right walking arm in arm Spittin' on the pavement or whatever
And you wonder right if they've forgotten or if they just
Can't remember that they ever were small one time
'Cause God knows we got to save the babies, right 'Cause if we don't save the babies
We ain't gonna have a world to live in right
And god knows we love this world right
Ain't that right, so right
Right, right, right, right?

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