





# LEAD

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Am C Dm E  
Lead, such a heavy dude  
It's in the water and the air and the food  
Gonna' tell you this; hope it don't seem rude  
Am E Am  
Better stay away from lead

Lead's in the paint, in the pipes, in the fuel  
It's one of our most misused tools  
but its those side effedts that can be really cruel  
better stay away from lead

Lead chokes up your oxygen flow  
Gets in the middle and it don't let go  
When your feelin' kinda' strange, movin' kinda slow  
You might be full of lead

## Refrain

Dm Am G Am  
Lead is poison, a bully that likes to throw its weight around  
Dm Am G E  
Lead is a killer. You dig it up, it puts you down

Lead stopped the Romans we've been told  
and it left some explorers stone dead cold  
Could repeat myself, but this story's gettin' old  
Better stay away from lead

Children in the cities have it in their bones  
Its all around their school and homes  
They say they'll stop painting with it  
but somehow they don't  
Stay away from lead

# Bad Actors

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Am-G  
There's this bunch of chemicals about which you should know  
We call them bad actors cause they always spoil the show  
They've always been awful they don't try to hide it  
We keep trying to use them but now we can't deny it, that

F Am G Am  
They're Bad Actors, they refuse to get along  
It's deep inside their chemistry, Its really not their fault

There's the Heavy metal gang, with mercury and lead  
There are several others but they all will leave you dead  
You should be careful how You use these heavy metal dudes  
or the heavy metal gang will gang up on you.

There's the twisted petrochemicals, the organochlorines  
Furans, and dioxins, PCB's and DDT  
We used them to kill and then we thought that they were through  
but they build up in our fat and now they're killing me and you,

They're Bad Actors, they always spoil the show.  
Bad Actors, the Bad actors have to go.

The Bad Actors Say:  
this ain't no act, this is for real,  
Try one of us, see how you feel.

We're the ones who dug them up and made them pure and strong  
In homes and cars and factories they always go wrong  
Try as we might to keep them in, they spill or leak or blow  
We make ourselves the victims of these demons from below

They're bad actors, we have ourselves to blame  
They're bad actors, they always, always act the same.

# Don't let the Goo Get You

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EADAEADAE in verse, break is EDA,EDA

## Verse 1

There are chemicals in our world today  
that can be harmful in so many ways.  
So hear my song, learn what to do  
so some poison goo, don't get you.  
It could drag you down, it could you sick,  
so if the goo gets near, act mighty quick.

## Break

E            D            A

Don't let the goo get you.  
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## Verse 2

The goo can go right through your skin  
so be careful what you put your hands in,  
You could breath it in through your nose.  
And if you can smell it, man you know where it goes.  
You could eat it or drink it, then, it'd be inside.  
You would take the goo for a ride.  
You got to burn it up, sweat it out or  
store it somewhere in your body somehow.

## Break

I won't let the goo get me.  
Don't you let the goo get you.

**Verse 3**

It could burn, it could explode,  
It could be flammable or caustic, and  
you might not know, but  
Don't just pour it down the drain, don't let that goo get out again  
use it up, take it back, throw it away empty with a double wrap, but

**Break**

Don't let the goo get you  
Don't let the goo get you

**Verse 4**

Well, I'm smarter than that, I read the label, Jack.  
I wear my goggles and gloves and breathers, Mack.  
I ventilate. I wash my hands.  
If we're gonna 'stop the goo, we gotta' take a stand  
You know, I'm gonna be safe every time,  
This is not a fashion contest.

**Break**

I'm not gonna let the goo get me.  
Don't you let the goo get you.

**Finale**

You know you have a highly sensitive, portable chemical detector  
mounted directly on the front of your face.  
Its your nose! You need to use it!!!!  
Follow it, away from trouble. That's why they put it up front.

# Teenager in Wasteland

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I'm a teenager, teenager in wasteland  
I look all around, say thanks, man  
You got toxic waste up in my face  
I got to live my whole life in this trashy place  
I feel like a guinea pig, a victim  
of this whole industrial system  
I'm at the end of a complicated food chain  
that links me to chemicals every day.

Don't get me wrong, I'm happy,  
I could be from  
a one room hut in a third world slum  
This is a problem that might come my way  
I could be or fightin', shootin', starvin' today  
This is place is fine, it just ain't perfect  
There are problems we just can't neglect  
Don't get me wrong, I'm just complaining  
Its natural, like when its rainin'

They tell me that the tunes I'm jammin to  
come from batteries full of mercury goo  
and after they're gone they could leave us all a taste  
of that alkaline energy hazardous waste

The one in my car it has acid and lead  
a pleasant combination, leaves you dead  
The good news is we can recycle all those  
Recycle the lead 'til the lead mines close

My baby uses makeup, that's ok with me.  
But junk she's usin' it oughta' be free  
It's full of unknown ingredients,  
buyin' this stuff don't make much sense  
Hair spray, when you breath it, causes lung disease  
Old mascara could put bugs in your eyes, you won't see  
My girl's a champ, she don't need all of this  
Its her, not the makeup, that I'm dealin' with

I am groovin when I'm cruisin' down the highway  
But it's my own wheels spoil my day  
the brakes they got dangerous asbestos,  
oil keeps spillin' out on the road.  
Gasoline, don't let it spill on ya  
Antifreeze, my dog drinks it he's a goner

there's tire dust in the air, pollution everywhere and  
somehow all of this just don't seem fair

I'm teenager, Teenager in Wasteland  
I look all around I say, thanks man  
Every where I turn  
don't take long to learn  
the air ain't pure, the water ain't clean  
I hope you soon get what I mean  
We need a new design, take a little time  
Think the system through, figure what to use  
so that all the things we do, don't create all this goo

I wanna' stay in the human race.  
Livin here's a game, that I would like to play  
I'm gonna read the label, I ain't no chump  
I ain't buyin' any more hazardous junk  
Ya' figure this, the money's just like a vote  
We don't like it, we vote no  
If we buy the good stuff, forget all the ads  
sooner or later we will lose all the bad

I'm teenager, teenager in wasteland  
I love it here. no Fear

## **What Can I Use Instead?**

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Oh, I'm gonna clean my house today and I have all the stuff  
That says it kills all the germs and its extra tough.  
Truth is, I hate to use it, it makes my skin all red,  
But what can I use instead?

It causes irritation to my tender skin.  
It stinks and makes my throat sore if I breath it in.  
It may make holes in my septic tank or in my pipes.  
But it promises to clean so bright that I'll say yipes.

Now this one says it cuts through grease and that one lifts out soil  
This one shines the kitchen sink and that one cleans the bowl  
But do not get it on you, its what the label said  
So what can I use instead?

Use a half cup of soda, that is the baking kind  
And a half cup of vinegar, the sour pickling brine.

Stir in a quart of water, you'll be using your head  
If you clean with that, instead.

Cause you can touch it, you can breath it.  
You could drink it and be fine.  
Its safe for all you septic tanks, your counter tops will shine.  
It washes walls and windows, it'll clean most any mess,  
And though it doesn't smell like lemons, it costs a lot less.

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## **The Storm Drain Song**

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### **Verse 1**

The storm drain's connected to the next rain connected to  
every thing that falls upon the street, add the parking lots and lawns  
It all gets washed on down and, man, it's not so neat  
But there's this new idea to spread the word around  
Kids are painting signs near the street, so everybody sees  
that people care what goes down the drain, because

### **Verse 2**

The storm drain's connected to your local creek or river  
and from there the water moves deep underground  
then the pumps bring it up and we hope there's no bad stuff

From where the water's been movin' around  
so, before you take your next drink, stop and just think  
of all the problems we can solve right at the start  
let's watch what goes down there, Let's show we really care.  
and take this little message to heart

### **Refrain**

That little sign says, Dump no waste! This drains to a stream.  
A storm drain is just pipe. Let's keep the water clean.  
You know how much clean water means  
to all the critters in the web of life

### **Break**

There's antifreeze and dirt and leaves and pesticides and poop,  
motor oil and rubber dust and lead in muddy soup,  
fertilizers and detergents, plastic pieces of all kinds.  
It's brewin' up our next drink and we out of our minds.

### **Refrain II**

'Cause if we dump it we will drink it  
there ain't no place to hide  
We have a direct connection  
We're three quarters water  
and you know we really oughta' care  
what goes down that storm drain collection.

### **Finale**

Storm drain Stenciling  
I'm hopin' it will be the in thing. Folks will get what's happening  
They'll chip in and do their part to stop pollution right at the start.

# Excuse me, Sir! That's my Aquifer

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## Verse 1

Well, I spoke with my neighbor on Saturday  
He was changing the oil in his car  
He told me that he does it every three thousand miles  
And four times a year he goes that far  
So I figured if he uses four quarts every time  
and he does it four times every year?  
In just ten years he'll use forty gallons  
And I thought I'd better make myself clear

Well, Fred, I said, would you tell me what you do  
with that oil all dirty and brown  
He said, Yes, I just take it out behind the garage  
And I dump it and it sinks into the ground  
And I know I maybe shouldn't and if it were a lot I wouldn't  
But its really only just a little bit  
I said Fred, I'm about to tell you something  
and I think you'd better listen to it

## Chorus

Well, Fred, underneath this ground there's an aquifer  
It's an underground sponge if you please  
And every time you draw some water  
for a bath or drink or shower, you give that sponge a little squeeze  
and anything around that's been soaking in the ground  
moves a little bit closer to your well  
And then before you know it, it might not even show it  
but it comes out of your faucet then ya' yell

## Chorus

Well, do you remember the oil tanker Valdez  
that soiled Alaska's beautiful shores  
Well in Missouri we dump about a quarter that much oil  
out on the ground every year or more  
And that oil's been sinking down into the ground  
for all of this very long time  
and I can only think, that every time I take a drink,  
I'm sippin' on a little bit of slime

## Chorus



# Shoppin For a Better World

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Verse 1

Gma7 Cma7 D

Shoppin, shoppin for a better World

Shoppin, shoppin for a better World

Cma7 D

They say that money is my ultimate tool

do I use it wisely or am I a fool

am I sure that I really need this?

Is this for real or is it needless?

V.2

Shoppin, shoppin for a better World

Shoppin, shoppin for a better World

Its my money and my life, and I'm gonna' spend it

my health and the planet, I'm gonna defend it.

When I buy it, I gotta' know its safe

not some left over chemical waste

**Bridge Bm-Em-3x Am-D-2x**

**We** can make a difference

We **can** make a difference

We can make a **difference**

**Am D**

Make an informed choice

Use your shopper's voice

**Verse 3 Instrumental on the verse pattern**

Verse 4

Best Shoot straight with the ads you're tryin'

We'll catch your lies and we won't be buyin'

Tell the truth and treat us fair

we'll all be glad about this world we'll share

Vocal

Shoppin, shoppin for a better World

Shoppin, shoppin for a better World

Questions: on page two

does this product have recycled Content?

How long does this product last?

Is this reusable?

What is the recycled content?

What are these inert ingredients I see on the label?

What is your parent company?

Can you give me your 1-800 Product information number?

Oh, that's O.K. I'm just shoppin'.