

O Children

Nick Cave & The Bad Seeds

O Children by Nick Cave And The Bad Seeds
From The Album Lyre of Orpheus

[Intro]

Em C Am G D

[Verse]

Em

Pass me that lovely little gun

C

My dear, my darling one

Am

The cleaners are coming, one by one

G

D

You don't even want to let them start

[Bridge]

Em C Am G D

[Verse]

Em

They are knocking now upon your door

C

They measure the room, they know the score

Am

They're mopping up the butcher's floor

G

D

Of your broken little hearts

[Chorus]

Em C Am G D

Oooo-oooo-oooo-oooo children

[Verse]

Em

Forgive us now for what we've done

C

It started out as a bit of fun

Am

Here, take these before we run away

G

D

The keys to the gulag

[Chorus]

Em Cmaj7

Oooo children

G **D** **Em**
Lift up your voice, lift up your voice

Cmaj7
Children

G **D** **Em** **C** **Am** **G** **D**
Rejoice, rejoice

[Bridge]

Em **C** **Am** **G** **Em**

[Verse]

Em
Here comes Frank and poor old Jim
C
They re gathering round with all my friends

Am
We re older now, the light is dim

G **D** **Em**
And you are only just beginning

[Chorus]

C **Am** **G** **D**
Oooo-oooo-oooo-oooo children

[Verse]

Em
We have the answer to all your fears
C
It s short, it s simple, it s crystal clear

Am
It s round about, it s somewhere here

G **D** **Em**
Lost amongst our winnings

[Chorus]

Em **Cmaj7**
Oooo children

G **D** **Em**
Lift up your voice, lift up your voice

Cmaj7
Children

G **D** **Em** **C** **Am** **G** **D**
Rejoice, rejoice

[Verse]

Em
The cleaners have done their job on you
C
They re hip to it, man, they re in the groove

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

G **D** **Em**
They re lining up to inspect you

[Chorus]

C Am G D

Oooo-oooo-oooo-oooo children

[Verse]

Em

Poor old Jim s white as a ghost

C

He s found the answer that was lost

Am

We re all weeping now, weeping because

G

D

Em

There ain t nothing we can do to protect you

[Chorus]

Em

Cmaj7

Oooo children

G

D

Em

Lift up your voice, lift up your voice

Cmaj7

Children

G

D

Em

C

Am

G

D

Rejoice, rejoice

[Verse]

Em

Hey little train! We are all jumping on

C

The train that goes to the Kingdom

Am

We re happy, Ma, we re having fun

G

D

Em

And the train ain t even left the station

[Verse]

Em

Hey little train! Wait for me!

C

I once was blind but now I see

Am

Have you left a seat for me?

G

D

Em

Is that such a stretch of the imagination?

[Verse]

Em

Hey little train! Wait for me!

C

I was held in chains but now I m free

Am

I m hanging in there, don t you see

G

D

Em

In this process of elimination

[Verse]

Em

Hey little train! We are all jumping on

C

The train that goes to the Kingdom

Am

We re happy, Ma, we re having fun

G

D

Em

It s beyond my wildest expectation

[Verse]

Em

Hey little train! We are all jumping on

C

The train that goes to the Kingdom

Am

We re happy, Ma, we re having fun

G

D

Em

And the train ain t even left the station

(Fade Out)