Brave New World

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We're gonna build A whole new world for ourselves Look, they clap eyes on us And we're dead, right? So we gotta make a new life Where they'll never find us You know where? Underground

You should see it down there Hundreds of miles of drains sweet And clean now after the rain Dark, quiet, safe

We can build houses and everything And what's so bad About living underground, eh? It's not been so great living up here If you want my opinion

Take a look around you At the world we've come to know Does it seem to be much more Than a crazy circus show?

But maybe from the madness Something beautiful will grow

In a brave new world
With just a handful of men
We'll start, we'll start all over again
All over again, all over again
All over again

We'll build shops And hospitals and barracks Right under their noses Right under their feet Everything we need Banks, prisons and schools

We'll send scouting parties To collect books and stuff And men like you'll teach the kids Not poems and rubbish, science So we can get everything working

We'll build villages and towns and And we'll play each other at cricket Listen, maybe one day we'll capture A Fighting Machine, eh?

Learn how to make 'em ourselves And then wallop Our turn to do some wiping out Whoosh with our Heat Ray, whoosh

And them running and dying

Beaten at their own game Man on top again

Now our domination Of the Earth is fading fast And out of the confusion The chance has come at last To build a better future From the ashes of the past

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Look, man is born in freedom But he soon becomes a slave In cages of convention From the cradle to the grave The weak fall by the wayside But the strong will be saved

In a brave new world With just a handful of men We'll start all over again I'm not trying to tell you what to be Oh no, oh no, not me But if mankind is to survive The people left alive

They're gonna have To build this world anew And it's going to have To start with me and you, yes

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They're gonna have To build this world anew Yes and we will have To be the chosen few

Just think of all the poverty The hatred and the lies And imagine the destruction Of all that you despise Slowly from the ashes The phoenix will arise

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Take a look around you At the world you've loved so well And bid the aging empire Of man a last farewell It may not sound like Heaven But at least it isn't Hell

It's a brave new world

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I've got a plan, can't you just see it? Civilization starting all over again A second chance

We'll even build a railway And tunnel to the coast Go there for our holidays Nothing can stop men like us I've made a start already Come on down here and have a look

In the cellar was a tunnel Scarcely ten yards long That had taken him a week to dig I could have dug that much in a day And I suddenly had my first inkling Of the gulf between his dreams And his powers

It's doing the workin' and the thinkin' That wears a feller out I'm ready for a bit of a rest How about a drink, eh? Nothing but champagne Now I'm the boss

We drank and then he insisted Upon playing cards With our species On the edge of extermination With no prospect but a horrible death We actually played games.

Later he talked more of his plan But I saw flames flashing In the deep blue night Red Weed glowing Tripod figures moving distantly

And I put down my champagne glass I felt like a traitor to my kind And I knew I must leave This strange dreamer

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