

# Babe, I'm on Fire

Nick Cave & The Bad Seeds

Father says it, mother says it  
Sister says it, brother says it  
Uncle says it, Auntie says it  
Everyone at the party says  
Babe, I'm on fire  
Babe, I'm on fire

The horse says it, the pig says it  
The judge in his wig says it  
The fox and the rabbit  
And the nun in her habit says  
Babe, I'm on fire  
Babe, I'm on fire

My mate Bill Gates says it  
The President of the United States says it  
The slacker and the worker  
The girl in her burqa says  
Babe, I'm on fire  
Babe, I'm on fire

The general with his tank says it  
The man at the bank says it  
The soldier with his rocket  
And the mouse in my pocket says  
Babe, I'm on fire  
Babe, I'm on fire

The drug-addled wreck  
With a needle in his neck says it  
The drunk says it, punk says it  
The brave Buddhist monk says  
Babe, I'm on fire  
Babe, I'm on fire

Hit me up, baby, and knock me down  
Drop what you're doing and come around  
We can hold hands till the sun goes down  
Cause I know  
That you  
And I  
Can be  
Together  
Cause I love you

The blind referee says it  
The unlucky amputee says it  
The giant killer bee  
Landing on my knee says  
Babe, I'm on fire  
Babe, I'm on fire

The cop with his breathalyser  
The paddy with his fertiliser  
The man in the basement  
That's getting a taste for it says  
Babe, I'm on fire

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The fucked-up Rastafarian says it  
The dribbling libertarian says it  
The sweet little Goth  
With the ears of cloth says  
Babe, I'm on fire  
Babe' I'm on fire

The cross-over country singer says it  
The hump-backed bell ringer says it  
The swinger, the flinger  
The outraged right-winger says  
Babe, I'm on fire  
Babe, I'm on fire

The man going hiking says it  
The misunderstood Viking says it  
The man at the rodeo  
And the lonely old Eskimo says  
Babe, I'm on fire  
Babe, I'm on fire

[Chorus]

The mild little Christian says it  
The wild Sonny Liston says it  
The pimp and the gimp  
And the guy with the limp says  
Babe, I'm on fire  
Babe, I'm on fire

The blind piano tuner says it  
The Las Vegas crooner says it  
The hooligan mooner  
Holding a schooner says  
Babe, I'm on fire  
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The Chinese contortionist says it  
The backyard abortionist says it  
The poor Pakistani  
With his lamb Bhirriani says  
Babe, I'm on fire  
Babe, I'm on fire

The hopeless defendant says it  
The toilet attendant says it  
The pornographer, the stenographer  
The fashion photographer says  
Babe, I'm on fire  
Babe, I'm on fire

The college professor says it  
The vicious cross-dresser says it  
Grandma and Grandpa  
In the back of the car says  
Babe, I'm on fire  
Babe, I'm on fire

[Chorus]

The hack at the doorstep says it

The midwife with her forceps says it  
The demented young lady  
Who is roasting her baby  
On the fire  
Babe, I'm on fire

The athlete with his hernia says it  
Picasso with his Guernica says it  
My wife with her furniture  
Everybody!  
Babe, I'm on fire  
Babe, I'm on fire

The laughing hyena says it  
The homesick polish cleaner says it  
The man from the Klan  
With a torch in his hand says  
Babe, I'm on fire  
Babe, I'm on fire

The Chinese herbologist says it  
The Christian apologist says it  
The dog and the frog  
Sitting on a log says  
Babe, I'm on fire  
Babe, I'm on fire

The foxhunting toff says it  
The horrible moth says it  
The doomed homosexual  
With the persistent cough says  
Babe, I'm on fire  
Babe, I'm on fire

[Chorus]

The Papist with his soul says it  
The rapist on a roll says it  
Jack says it, Jill says it  
As they roll down the hill  
Babe, I'm on fire  
Babe, I'm on fire

The clever circus flea says it  
The sailor on the sea says it  
The man from the Daily Mail  
With his dead refugee says  
Babe, I'm on fire  
Babe, I'm on fire

The hymen-busting Zulu says it  
The proud kangaroo says it  
The koala, the echidna  
And the platypus too says  
Babe, I'm on fire  
Babe, I'm on fire

The disgraced country vicar says it  
The crazed guitar picker says it  
The beatnik, the peacenik  
The apparachick says  
Babe, I'm on fire  
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The deranged midnight stalker says it  
Garcia Lorca says it  
The hit man, Walt Whitman  
And the haliototic talker says  
Babe, I'm on fire  
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[Chorus]

The wine taster with his nose says it  
The fireman with his hose says it  
The pedestrian, the equestrian  
The tap-dancer with his toes says  
Babe, I'm on fire  
Babe, I'm on fire

The beast in the beauty pageant  
The pimply real estate agent  
The beach-comber, the roamer  
The girl in a coma says  
Babe, I'm on fire  
Babe, I'm on fire

The old rock'n'roller  
With his two-seater stroller  
And the fan in the van  
With the abominable plan says  
Babe, I'm on fire  
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The menstruating Jewess says it  
The nervous stewardess says it  
The hijacker, the backpacker  
The cunning safecracker says  
Babe, I'm on fire  
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The sports commentator says it  
The old alligator says it  
The tennis pro with his racquet  
The loon in the straight jacket  
Babe, I'm on fire  
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[Chorus]

The butcher with his cleaver says it  
The mad basket weaver says it  
The jaded boxing writer  
And the glass-jawed fighter says  
Babe, I'm on fire  
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The old town cryer says it  
The inveterate liar says it  
The pilchard, the bream  
And the trout in the stream  
Babe, I'm on fire  
Babe, I'm on fire

The war correspondent says it  
The enthused and the despondent says it

The electrician, the mortician  
And the man going fishin' says  
Babe, I'm on fire  
Babe, I'm on fire

The cattleman from Down Under says it  
The patriot with his plunder says it  
Watching a boat of full of refugees  
Sinking into the sea  
Babe, I'm on fire  
Babe, I'm on fire

The silicone junky says it  
The corporate flunky says it  
The Italian designer  
With his rickshaw in China says  
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[Chorus]

The trucker with his juggernaut says it  
The lost astronaut says it  
The share cropper, the bent copper  
The compulsive shopper says  
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The Viennese vampire says it  
The cowboy round his campfire says it  
The game show panellist  
The Jungian analyst says  
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Warren says it, Blixa says it  
The lighting guy and mixer says it  
Mick says it, Marty says it  
Everyone at the party says  
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The hairy arachnophobic says it  
The scary agoraphobic says it  
The mother, the brother  
And the decomposing lover says  
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[Chorus]