

# The Sun is a Mass of Incandescent Gas

by They Might Be Giants

*1. The sun is a mass of incandescent gas  
A gigantic nuclear furnace  
Where hydrogen is built into helium  
At a temperature of millions of degrees*

*2. Yo ho, it's hot, the sun is not  
A place where we could live  
But here on earth there'd be no life  
Without the light it gives*

*3. We need it's light  
We need it's heat  
We need it's energy  
Without the sun, without a doubt  
There'd be no you and me*

*Repeat 1*

*4. The sun is hot – “It is so hot that everything on it is a gas: iron, copper, aluminum, and many others.”*

*5. The sun is large- “If the sun were hollow, a million earths could fit inside. And yet, the sun is only a middle-sized star.”*

*6. The sun is far away- “About 93 million miles away, and that's why it looks so small.”*

*7. And even when it's out of sight  
The sun shines night and day*

*8. The sun gives heat  
The sun gives light  
The sunlight that we see  
The sunlight comes from our own sun's  
Atomic energy*

*9. “Scientists have found that the sun is a huge atom-smashing machine. The heat and light of the sun come from the nuclear reactions of hydrogen, carbon, nitrogen, and helium.”*

*Repeat 1*