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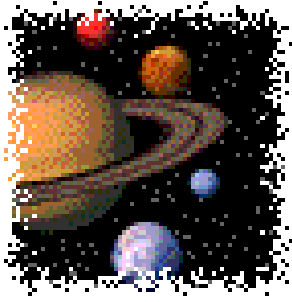
The top space men and women from around the world have united for a truly astronomical mission that is out of this world. Led by top British astronaut Tommy Sensible, they embark on a dangerous assignment to see if global warming has in fact made the earth so warm that it's dripping water the way an ice-cream does on a hot day. Unfortunately after lift off, their navigation system malfunctions and they lose contact with Earth. Floating around lost in space, they have to find their way back home. But what they find instead may mean the end of not only their mission, but their very survival.

Will they get back to Earth safely?

Are we the only intelligent life forms in this universe?

Does Earth need a bucket under it to catch all the dripping water?

All will be revealed in The Search for SOAP



Act One

Scene One

(5 Astronauts walk out through the audience to music with space suits on. They stand in line singing song. In line when they finish).

Sing song 'My Little Piece of Dirt'

Celeste Tealnite: I'd like to extend a warm welcome to everyone who is here to witness this important event. A lot of work has gone behind the scenes for this to take place and before I start I want to thank you. To our brave astronauts who will be risking their lives in this important mission. To our smart, groundbreaking technicians - I'd like to say it's not rocket science, but it really is.

All rocket scientists: Calcul - US!

Celeste: And finally to our large group of supporters out there - without you, we wouldn't be here tonight. Thank you for the ride. Welcome to the place where the world's leading studies of Stars, Outerspace And Planets take place. Or as we call it – the S.O.A.P Exploration Centre. I am the director of SOAP – Celeste Tealnite. We have chosen each of you astronauts to take part in a very special project. You will be blasted into space to see if global warming has in fact made the Earth so warm that it is dripping water the way an ice cream does on a hot day. Your job will be to see if Operation Big Bucket needs to get underway to stop all this valuable water from escaping. I would like you to step forward in turns and introduce yourselves. Tommy, you are the Commander of the fleet, so you are first.

(Tommy steps forward to the microphone).

Tommy: My name is Tommy Sensible and I am an English born physicist who graduated with honors at Oxford University. I do everything by the book and am extremely serious. I have a husband and 2 children, but space is my number one passion and I am pleased to be leading this mission into space.

(She walks back to her place and is replaced by Johnny Loudly).

Johnny: Howdy yal! I'm Johnny Loudly and I'm the biggest hoot scootenist real life astronaut this side of Californ eye eye you ever did see! I'm the Big Mac of Space, the Burger King of the Skies – I'm the..

(interrupted by Celeste)

Celeste: Thank you Mr Loudly. I think we get the picture. – could our next astronaut please address our S.O.A.P team?

Levin: *(to Celeste)* Cheers – but, ah, call me Levin aye Celeste. Tena koutou you lot. My real name is actually Levina - but decided to shorten it to Levin way back aye! So, I'm Levin Palmie and I love adventures. I come from a little place at the bottom of the world called New Zealand.

Johnny *(interrupting):* Oh yeah – I've heard of that place. Isn't that in Australia?

Levin: Doubt it bro! Geez! Anyways – apart from being shot into space, I also like shearing sheep, eating steak and cheese pies, hanging out with me mates, and I once played for the West End rippa rugby team. Sweet as!

Dropski Thaborla: Greetings fellow astronauts. My name is Dropski Thaborla and I Russian Cosmonaut. I very experienced in travelling to space and I am not only good when in spaceship, I also stand up comedian in my little town called MartinaNavaratalova. I tell you joke now. Person rings up fire station and say to them – “Help, help, my house on fire.” Man who put out fire ask “How do you get there?” and person say back – “Hellooooooo – in that big red truck of yours!” Very funny ya?! *(everyone smiles politely)*

Tashaka Illeetue: Hello, my name is Tashaka. Tashaka Illeetue. I was born in Shanghai, China but my parents moved constantly when I was younger to places like Australia, India, Ireland, Spain and Antarctica. I know my way around the world and have banked up a good amount of knowledge on all sorts of things - for example, did you know that if you could drive a car up into the sky, and you drove straight up, it would only take you 60 minutes if you were going 100km an hour?

Celeste: Wow.. Thank you Tashaka. That was interesting. Well, we'll be taking a rocket ship this time - but I hope one of you technicians wrote that one down - something to consider for next time. Tommy, Johnny, Levin, Dropski and Tashaka – you are the chosen five and have been picked because of what you can bring to this mission.

Tommy – for your sensible and level headed approach to tasks.

Johnny – for your brashness and confidence.

Levina - sorry Levin.. for your Kiwi – can do attitude and relaxed nature.

Dropski for your experience in space.

Dropski: And I is also very funny ya?!

Celeste: Yes, Dropski, that too. And last of all Tashaka – you have been chosen for your general knowledge of random topics that always seem to come in handy. You will all have one week to prepare and say farewell to your loved

ones. We will meet back here at 0700 hours on the 16th ready for liftoff at 1800 hours.

Tashaka: I was never good at 24 hour time Celeste. What times were they again?

Levin: Meet here for breakkie and we blast off at tea time.

Tashaka: Oh, thanks Levin.

Levin: Sweet as!

Celeste: So if you have any questions, ring me here at the SOAP Exploration Centre and I'll be happy to help. Please remember – even though this is just an observational mission, it is still highly dangerous and there's a chance you might not make it back alive. Is that understood? (*all agree*). Right, see you in seven days.

(Leave stage)



Act One

Scene Two

In a laboratory at the S.O.A.P Centre. All technicians are working with clipboards and talking. Tommy is sitting at a desk writing. Celeste enters and walks up to Tommy.

Celeste: *Tommy, it's been almost a week and you've been here in this lab the whole time.*

Tommy: *Just getting ready Celeste. This is a big mission.*

Celeste: *Yes it is, but our rocket scientists have all the bases covered!*

All rocket scientists: *Calcul - US!*

Celeste: *Back to work you lot. You really have to keep on top of that lot. They're very easily distracted. This was a time for you to spend with your family.*

Tommy: *I've just been looking at Operation Big Bucket. Global warming is getting worse. We're seeing a lot more extreme weather - We've been having so many more heatwaves, floods, freezing temperatures.. I'm not sure what the plan is to tackle it.*

Celeste: *Well, that's what our rocket scientists get paid to come up with. Gladys, Jim - can you come over here please..*

Gladys Friday and Jim Pansey walk over.

Celeste: *Thanks you two - can you please give Commander Sensible a rundown of Operation Big Bucket?*

Gladys: *(saluting) Good afternoon Commander. My name is Gladys Friday.*

Jim: *(looking at Gladys unsure about saluting) And I'm Jim... Jim Pansey. Umm, Operation Big Bucket - well we need to stop the Earth from heating up and melting all of the ice caps. Your job is to find out where this water is going.*

Gladys: *Once we do, we need to find a way to re-freeze all of this water.*

Jim: *It's that easy!*

Tommy: *Is it?*

Gladys: *Well, it definitely isn't rocket science.*

All rocket scientists: Calcul - US!

Celeste: You rocket scientists sure are a strange bunch.

Gladys: Strange? Why do you say that?

Celeste: You're all quite geeky and have a weird sense of humour.

Jim: I wouldn't call it weird. I think us scientists are quite normal.

Celeste: Really?!

Sing song 'Misunderstood'

Tommy: *I think I need to get back to work.*

Tommy sits back at his desk and all rocket scientists go back to what they were doing.

Micaela and Sam: Hey Mum.
(The children walk over to the table)

Tommy: *(not looking up) Hey kids.*

Micaela: How are you doing Mum? How's the mission preparation going?

Tommy: Good.

Sam: We learnt some cool stuff in school today Mum.

Tommy: Oh yeah.

(Mike walks in and talks with Gladys - but noticing Sam and Micaela talking with Tommy)

Sam: We learnt that to reach outer space, you need to travel 100km beyond Earth's surface.

Tommy: That's nice.

Micaela: Yeah, and we found out that Mars has the largest known volcano in the solar system. It's 26km high which is almost twice as high as our tallest mountain – Mount Everest.

Tommy: Is it?

Sam: And spaceships are powered with bottled up farts from the astronauts.

Tommy: That's cool.

Micaela: Mum, you aren't even listening to us!

Tommy: Listen kids. I'm really busy. Where's your Dad?

(Children walk away, disappointed and talk to Gladys and Jim).

Mike: Tommy Sensible!

Tommy: Oh, hi Mike.

Mike: How could you! Those children have been looking forward to seeing you!

Tommy: Well I'm really busy. I just don't have time at the moment.

Mike: They're your kids!

Tommy: This is more important at the moment. I can spend time with them later on. They can wait.

Mike: That's what you always say. We haven't seen you for weeks.

Tommy: I'm a really important and famous astronaut!

Mike: And you're also their mother. Sam and Micaela really love science and all they talk about is space! You could teach them so much and they'd really enjoy it!

Tommy: I'm too busy. *(pauses)* Oh, I need to do some work. *(Mike leaves)*

Mike: *Come on kids.*

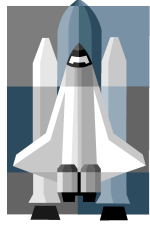
(Micaela and Sam walk to front of stage)

Micaela: How can we get Mum to spend time with us?

Sam: There's no chance. He's just too busy, AND he's going into space tomorrow.

Micaela: Maybe we could do something when he gets back.

Sam: Or maybe before that. Come with me – I've got an idea. *(Both leave).*



Act One

Scene Three

Lift off day. Astronauts, wives and husbands are at the Space Centre getting ready to go into space. Dropski and Levin walk in.

Dropski: And then the horsey walked in to the bar and man behind bar say “Hey – horsey, why do you have a long head?” You get it, ya?!

Levin: Yeah, nah – you got that one wrong Dropski.

Dropski: Why do you be saying that Levin?

Levin: Well, the man behind the bar is supposed to say “Why the long face”, not “Why the long head”. The joke is that the horse has a long face and that’s what you ask if someone is sad – and because the horse has a long face anyway, because it’s a horse, the barman thought the horse was sad.

Dropski: I don’t be understanding.

Levin: Oh, don’t worry about it. *(to the others)* Hey fullas! *(Dropski and Levin greet the others)*. Are you guys all ready?

Johnny: Is the King English?

Dropski: Oooh, oooh, I be knowing this one.

Tashaka: It’s not a joke Dropski.

Johnny: Yeah – it means that I’m ready. Heck – I was born ready!

Dropski: Well, what does the King have to do with us being ready to be going into space?

Tommy: Nothing much Dropski. Don’t worry about it.

Levin: Hey, where are all of our whanau?

Tommy: Our what?

Levin: Whanau. It's what we call family in New Zealand.

Tashaka: Hey Levin - did you know that New Zealand has the most pets per household than any other country in the world?

Levin: Really? Far out! Pets are part of our whānau too!

Tommy: Celeste has taken all the families - less the pets to the Control Room to show them what will happen and what all the buttons do I guess.

Levin: When are they coming back?

Tommy: They shouldn't be too long. Lift off isn't too far off.

Tashaka: How are you all feeling?

Johnny: This little trip to the stars will be a walk in the park. You're all so lucky to be alongside me. I put the ace into space.

Tashaka: How about you Levin?

Levin: Ah, she'll be right. Bit freaky but – far out man! Space! Choooice!

Tashaka: How are you feeling Dropski?

Dropski: I very hot in this space suit actually. Sweat dripping.

Levin: Too much information Dropski. How are you Tashaka? What's buzzing round that head of yours at the moment?

Tashaka: Well, to be honest, I'm a bit scared, but really excited. Just think – in a few hours we'll be up in the big darkness of space looking down on the Earth. Looking down and knowing that there are billions of people and the trillions of other living things down there. Seeing the snow capped mountains, the blue green sea and swirling clouds. And then there's the quietness and peace of just being up in space. And I guess it's the whole unknown – the thought of what else is up there?

Johnny: *(Not believing Tashaka)* What else is up there? There's nothing! We're the only living things in this whole universe and us humans are the smartest of them all! We rule everything!

Tommy: I very much doubt that Johnny.

Johnny: What's that Tommy? Are you sayin' that I ain't smart.

Tommy: No Johnny. I'm saying that humans aren't necessarily the smartest living things around.

Johnny: What! You can't be serious? We've got the technology that can blast us into space AND we're at the top of the food chain for Pete's sake!

Dropski: Who is this Pete person?

Levin: It's just another saying.

Tommy: Well, if we were that smart, why are there so many wars and poverty in the world?

Enter Celeste and the astronauts' family. Family members stand next to their loved ones.

Celeste: That's enough you guys. I've just briefed your family members on what will be happening and you've got 5 minutes with them before you need to get ready.

Levin: Hey guys – I want you to meet my hubby. Barney, this is everyone. Everyone, this is Barney.

Barney: Kia ora everyone. Hope you're all ka pai.

Johnny: Ka pai??

Barney: That's good.

Johnny: What's good.

Barney: Pai.

Johnny: Oh yeah – I think pie is great. What kind of pie you got?

Barney: *(to Levin)* Good luck going into space with him!

Jennifer: Well, in America, we say howdy! I'm Jennifer.

Dropski: Oh, and this is Ivan.

Ivan: Hello everyones!

Dropski: He do not have a way with the wordings the way I does.

Ivan: And I is not as funny as my wife. I just funny looking, isn't that right Dropski.
(everyone laughs)

Dropski: *(seriously)* That is not being funny Ivan.

Ivan: Sorry sweet cheek.

Tommy: Everyone, this is Mike.

Mike: Hello everyone. Hey – good luck up there.

Everyone thanks Mike as she and Tommy walk to the front of stage while the rest of the crew say goodbye to their families.

Tommy: Where are the kids? Did they not want to come in?

Mike: No. They're in the car. They felt too sad saying goodbye to you. They really do miss having you around.

Tommy: They'll be OK. They're both doing well at school. They'll be fine.

Mike: I hope so. They both just miss you and want you to have more to do with them. But anyway, let's not talk about this now. I'm really going to miss you. I'm scared of you going into space. What if something happens?

Tommy: It won't and I'll be fine. I'm with experienced people and we all know what we're doing *(both look over to group)*

Levin: Hey Dropski, Knock, Knock?

Dropski: Is that being a different language you are talking – knock, knock?

Levin: No. Knock, knock is a joke.

Dropski: Well, it's not a very funny one. What's funny about knock, knock?

Levin: No, it's just the start of the joke. I say knock, knock and you say... oh don't worry.

Celeste: Right, it is time to go you five. You have been briefed and you all know what is expected of you. The shuttle is ready. Please make your way out to the holding bay. Good luck and I hope to see you all back safe and sound.

All astronauts say goodbye, and prepare to get into the shuttle. All walk slowly as the shuttle is revealed and they get inside. As they do this, the astronaut's families go to the control room and meet with controllers.

Celeste: These are the two ground control engineers.

Gladys: Hello, my name is Gladys Friday and I'll be keeping up communication and tracking SOAP 4.

Barney: SOAP 4?

Jim: Yes, that's what we've called the shuttle. The Stars, Outerspace And Planets Capsule 4. The first 3 of our shuttles weren't that good. We're hoping this one won't be as bad as the previous ones. Useless things they were. *(Jim realizes who was around)* Oh, ahh, you're all still here.

Jennifer: What was that?

Jim: Oh nothing. *(trying to change the subject)* Umm, anyway on to mymy name yeah, that'll work. My name is Jim. Jim Pansey.

Barney: Your name is Jim Pansey?

Jim: Yes. That is correct.

Ivan: What is your job being here?

Jim: I answer questions.

Barney: Do you?

Jim: Yes.

Celeste: He does his job very well. He's great at answering questions.

Gladys: We're just preparing the final checks Tommy. We'll let you know when we're ready to go.

Tommy: Roger.

Gladys: Stop calling me Roger. It's Gladys – hee hee hee. Oh, that's funny every time.

The astronauts and ground control sing a song and go up to space. When song is finished, Ground Control has lost contact with the spaceship.

Sing 'Roger That'

Gladys: We've lost contact with them.

Celeste: What do you mean we've lost contact with them?

Jim: She means that we can't talk to them anymore because our communicator transmitter has failed.

Celeste: Yes, I know that Jim.

Jim: Well, you did ask.

Gladys: From this shuttle indication monitor it also tells us that their navigation system is down.

Barney: What does that mean?

Jim: It means that they are floating around in space, not knowing where they are going.

All the families get distraught and upset.

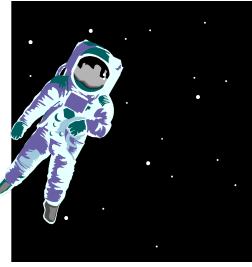
Jennifer: Well, what can you do to help?

Jim: I can't answer that question.

Jennifer: But that's your job!

Jim: Do you think that I don't know that? *(to Gladys)* This is serious. What will we do?

Gladys shrugs shoulders.



Act One

Scene Four

The inside of the spaceship, all crew are sitting at controls.

Dropski: This is problem.

Tashaka: We've lost communication and our navigation is down.

Johnny: Well, where are we?

Levin: We're in space bro.

Johnny: Yeah, I know that. I was meaning – where in space are we?

Tommy: Well, Earth is getting further away and I can't control our speed. We're in serious trouble.

Tashaka: Can you stop the shuttle thrusters?

Tommy: If I do that, then we may not be able to start them up again and we'd just be floating around space forever.

Dropski: Tommy – I start planet explore mode?

Johnny: What's that?

Tashaka: The computer will search for any nearby planets. It might be able to locate where Earth is, and if it does, then we're saved.

Johnny: Do you think that will work?

Tashaka: *(dramatically)* It has to!

The crew hear sobbing from a storage container in the shuttle.

Tashaka: Hey what's that?

Levin: Hey, it's coming from our storage container.

(Levin gets up and walks over to the container, opens it and finds Tommy's children). Gee whizz – there are kids in here. Hey there you two – what are you doing here?

Tommy: Sam, Micaela! What on Earth are you doing here?!

Dropski: That is good joke Tommy. You say “What on Earth are you doing here” and we not on Earth. Very funny. Yah, good joke.

Micaela: You were going to be away for ages and we, well.....

Sam: We really miss you Mum.

Tommy: Don't you know how dangerous it is to be here? Your father will be worried sick, and probably never see any of us again.

Levin: Glad you've got a lot of confidence in us getting back to Earth Major Tommy! *(sarcastically)* Choice one.

Tommy: All you kids will do is get in the way here. They're going to be absolutely no help to us whatsoever.

Sam: How do you know Mum? We could help you.

Tommy: Yeah, right! You're children. What could you possibly do to get us out of this situation?

Micaela: Well, we....

Tommy: I don't want to hear it. You're a kid. You won't be able to help. Go and sit over there and be quiet.

Levin takes children over and straps them into chairs.

Tashaka: Don't be so hard on them Tommy.

Dropski: Tommy. Computer has found planet.

Tommy: Great! How far away is it?

Dropski: Should take about a day to get there.

Tommy: Right, set the co-ordinates Johnny.

Johnny: Affirmative. Earth, here we come! Yee haa!!

Sing song 'Rocket In Space'

Levin: I have a visual on the planet you lot. It looks nothing like Earth. In fact, I've never seen that planet before. What is it?

Tommy: Dropski, find out all you can about that planet and whether it is safe to land on.

Dropski: Da!

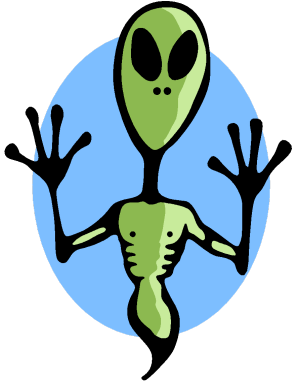
Tommy: If it's safe, we'll land on it, then a couple of us will step foot outside the shuttle and try to fix the navigation and communication box. We should hopefully then see where in space we are.

Dropski: This planet appears to be safe to land on Major.

Johnny: Let's do it then.

Tashaka: Prepare for landing in T minus 3 hours. Hey, did you lot know that there is a planet made completely out of diamonds. Be cool if it was this one!

Tommy: Let's hope this works.



Act Two

Scene One

The Space shuttle has landed on the new planet. Tommy, Tashaka and Levin have left the space craft and looking for any damage.

Tommy: Have you found anything?

Levin: What are we looking for bro?

Tommy: Just something that's different about the shuttle.

Dropski: *(listening in the shuttle and answering through the ships microphone)* It on funny looking planet. That what different. Ho ho. Oh, that good one! Ya.

Tommy: This is serious Dropski.

Dropski: Sorry Major.

Levin: I think it's stuffed Tommy.

Aliens – The Specials, Medulla, Brainstem, Grey Matter, Cerebrum, Frontal Lobe, Optic Thalamus, Pons and Temporal Lobe enter and stand behind astronauts. Tashaka notices.

Tashaka: Oh my. *(Tashaka waves to them and backs into the shuttle as the other two notice and turn around.)*

Levin: Wow. Flip bro.

Brainstem: Do not endeavour to be timorous.

Frontal Lobe: You are secure in our conglomerate gathering.

Levin: Aye?

Optic Thalamus: Perplexity is evident.

Grey Matter: I concur copiously.

Frontal Lobe: The advent of their incursion was projected.

Cerebrum: It has come.

Levin: Hey, yous fullas are freaking me out.

Tommy: Ummm, hello. I am the Commander of this space shuttle, S.O.A.P 4. We come in peace.

Medulla: How's it going you guys? Don't be afraid.

Tommy: *(Confused)* Excuse me?

Medulla: It's OK. You're safe here with us.

Levin: Hey, how come we're able to understand you and not the rest of you*(pauses)* who are yous fullas?

Medulla: The Specials. We're called the Specials. The reason why is because I am not as smart as all the others. I'm a bit of a dummy.

Levin: Doubt it bro. We don't think so.

Medulla: My name is Medulla Oblongata. But you can call me Medulla.

The others try to shake his hand but he does a special handshake. They copy to greet him and also do so when greeting the others.

Medulla: *(to the other Specials)* Impart undemanding enlightenment. *(they all nod, then Medulla talks to humans)* I just told them to talk to you without using big fancy words.

Levin: Yeah, cheers.

Brainstem: Hey there. I'm Brainstem.

Grey Matter: Sup! I'm Grey Matter.

Cerebrum: Howdy, howdy. I'm Cerebrum.

Frontal Lobe: Howzit! Frontal Lobe.

Optic Thalamus: Greetings. Optic Thalamus is my specified moniker. Apologies and regret fellow faction. I am unable to converse accordingly.

Temporal Lobe: And I'm Temporal Lobe. Hi.

Medulla: And you know me – I'm Medulla.

Tommy: Hello everyone. My name is Major Tommy Sensible and these are Commanders Palmie and Echew.

Tashaka and Levin say hi to them all.

Tommy: Our navigation system is down and we are lost in space.

Frontal Lobe: Ahh. Great TV programme that – very popular back in the 1960's.

Tashaka: How do you know?

Cerebrum: There are a lot of things we know about your planet Commander Illechew..

Tommy: What do you know Cerebrum?

Cerebrum: We know that your planet Earth is going through a bit of a tough time, with it warming up, and the effects.

Temporal Lobe: But it is not dripping water the way an ice cream does. That's a silly idea.

Optic Thalimus: There was copious amounts of cachinnation upon ascertaining that.

(cachinnation - cack-in-ation)

(Everyone looks confused)

Frontal Lobe: We had a good laugh when we heard that one!

Tashaka: Did you also know that global warming is causing flowers to change colour? So if it's not dripping water, and the Earth is warming up - then what can we do to help?

Grey Matter: Listen to each other. Listen to your wise ones.

Brainstem: Listen to your young..

Tommy: To our young?

Brainstem: Yes - their thoughts are not to be discouraged. They are not swayed by greed or power.

Frontal Lobe: And they will be inheriting the planet from the older ones.

Grey Matter: And once you have listened, action needs to be taken. We are - what you say, informed innovators!

Levin: That sounds pretty easy aye!.. And fun!

Medulla: We have heard of this fun concept, but it is one thing we have not yet grasped.

Levin: What??!

Tashaka: Fun is something that you do because you enjoy it.

Frontal Lobe: Why would you do something you enjoy?

Tashaka: Because enjoyment is what life is all about. I enjoy learning new facts - like the ants on Earth weigh about as much as all the humans. And that bees can fly to an altitude as high as Mount Everest. That's real fun stuff to know.

Frontal Lobe: Mmmmm. We disagree. Life is about living. Not becoming extinct.

Tashaka: For an intellectual species, they're not too clued up are they?

Tommy: I think they made a bit of sense.

Levin: What was that mate?

Tommy: Oh, nothing.

Frontal Lobe: We will now perform an Earth farewell we learned a long time ago.

All Specials twist their ears and say Na-Nu-Na-Nu.

Temporal Lobe: Maybe we should come to visit your Earth and see what all this fun is about.

Tommy: And maybe help us get back on track with our planet. We would love to see you! Thank you, friends. We must be heading off. We need to get home. Are you able to help us find our way back to Earth?

Optic Thalamus: Emerge from end to end the Opius Constellation pending the stella expanse and subsequently progress directly awaiting the solar system.

All astronauts look confused, but thank them and say Na-nu-na-nu, twisting their ears and saying goodbye. They enter the spaceship, leaving the Specials.

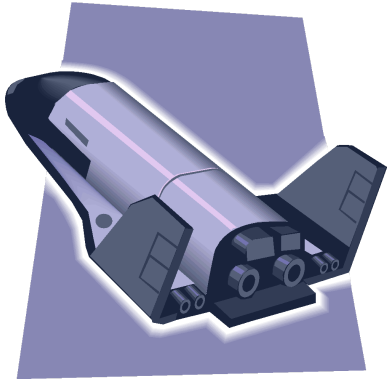
Grey Matter: Why didn't you just tell them to fly towards that star?
(pointing)

Optic Thalamus shrugs his shoulders. They all laugh.

Medulla: So that's what fun feels like.

Temporal Lobe: Cool. We must do that more often.

Sing song 'Easy Peasy'



Act Two

Scene Two

In the spaceship. Tommy, Tashaka and Levin walk in.

Tashaka: So where are we supposed to go?

Tommy: No idea! Didn't understand a word.

Levin: They sure were a funny species.

Dropski: Funny? They tell joke? Oh what a pain that I not tell them my joke.

Levin: No, not that type of funny Dropski. They're like funny – weird.

Dropski: I be seeing.

Johnny: Still no contact from Ground Control. Navigation is still screwy and we're still lost! *(starting to panic and lose control)* Lost I tell you! What are we going to do?!

Tommy: Pull yourself together man! We'll find a way.

Micaela: Hey Mum. We're sorry for what we did.

Sam: Yeah Mum. We really let you down. I hope you don't hate us.

Tommy: Of course I don't. I'm just thinking about your poor father. He's going to be so worried.

Micaela: I know, but Sam and I have been talking and we've got an idea on how to..

Tommy: Now listen you two. You're 8 and 10 years old. There's nothing you can possibly help us with. The best thing you can do for us is be good and stay out of the way.

Sam: Oh, but Mum!

Tommy: No buts. Now, we're about to take off so strap yourself in.

The children do as he says and the rest of the crew strap in too.

Johnny: Ready for lift off. 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5 (*all start shaking to show they are beginning to move*)

Tashaka: Igniting thrusters.

Johnny: 4, 3, 2, 1 (*shaking lots now – then there is a pause*) Crew - we have lift off.

Tommy: Dropski, initiate planet explore mode. Earth must be around here somewhere.

Sam: (*to Tashaka*) I don't think we'll be able to find Earth until we get communication back.

Tashaka: Why do you say that Sam?

Sam: Earth submits radio waves. If we were able to lock into these frequencies, then we can talk to them again and they can guide us back home.

Micaela: I was reading Mum's space shuttle book before the launch and there's a transmission aerial outside the spaceship.

Tashaka: I get it! So if we go outside the capsule and mend it, we should be able to get communication back.

Sam: It should.

Tashaka: You're two smart kids.

Micaela: But Mum won't listen to us, so you need to convince her.

Tashaka: I'll try. (*Tashaka goes over to Tommy and explains it quietly*)

Sam: I hope this works.

Micaela: So do I.

Tommy: *(to Tashaka)* You know, that might just work. But it would be too dangerous to do a space walk because it's such a delicate job. If we could find another planet to land on, we might just have a chance.

Dropski: Commander, planet explore mode detected potentially safe place to land.

Tommy: How far away?

Dropski: Ten hours.

Tommy: Set the co-ordinates. It won't be long till we get you fixed S.O.A.P 4.



Act Two

Scene Three

The spaceship has landed on another unknown planet. Tommy, Tashaka, Dropski and Johnny step foot on the planet.

Tommy: Right – be on your guard everybody. *(talking to the walkie talkie)* Levin, do you copy?

Levin: *(on microphone)* Roger that Tommy. Let us know if you have any problems.

Tommy: *(to others)* OK, Dropski, you fix the transmission area. Tashaka and Johnny follow me, but stay close.

They all walk away from the spaceship. Dropski walks behind the ship out of sight.

Johnny: This planet looks pretty boring. Not much here at all.

Tommy: Yeah. No sign of intelligent life on the ‘Intelligent Life Meter’.

Tashaka: The what?

Tommy: The Intelligent Life Meter. It tells me if there are any living things capable of coming up with a rational thought. It picks them up within a 2 kilometre radius.

Tashaka: Oh.... *(thinking)* Does that Intelligent Life Meter count us when it looks for intelligent life forms??

Tommy: Ummmmm. Ahhhh, well..... *(hesitating)* I wouldn’t think so. *(throws it away)* Silly Intelligent Life Meter.

Enter the Meeples. Ray Neday (constantly grumpy), Chris Spacket (well balanced), Ellie Kopter (a bit flighty), Fran Tick (very on the edge) and Jo King (thinks everything is a joke). Ray Neday picks up the Intelligent Life Meter and they all stand and look at it.

Johnny: Holy Cow! What in the name of Donald J. Trump is this?

Ray Neday: *(very grumpy)* Oi! What on Birth do you think you're doing littering our planet?

Tommy: Sorry?

Ray Neday: You will be! What do you call this? We try to keep our planet clean. Who do you think you are messing it up?

Tommy: We're really sorry. What planet is this?

Ray Neday: Planet Birth. You should get those things sticking out the side of your heads tested.

Johnny: Who, or what are you?

Fran Tick: *(very hyperactive)* Who are you? Who are you?

Ray Neday: Who are we? So you come to our planet and start asking US questions! Just who do you think you are?

Tashaka: Very sorry. We are human beings from the planet Earth. We come in peace. We have landed on your planet so we can fix our spaceship.

Tommy: Yes. My name is Tommy Sensible, this is Tashakarkerill Echew and this is Johnny Loudly. Do you all have names?

Chris Packet: Yes Tommy Sensible. We do. My name is Chris. Chris Packet.

Ray Neday: I'm Ray Neday.

Fran Tick: I'm Fran. Fran Tick. You can call me Fran Tick. Did you hear me? You know my name is Fran Tick don't you?

Chris Packet: Yes Fran Tick, they know. Settle down.

Jo King: I'm Jacinda Adern.

Johnny: You're who?

Jo King: Ha, ha. Fooled you. I'm Jo King.

Johnny: Oh yeah. Good one. So what's your name?

Jo King: It's Jo King.

Johnny: So your first name is Jo and your second name is King?

Jo King: No. *(pauses)* Ahhhh, it is really. Was just joking again.

Johnny: You sure are a funny guy Jo.

Jo King: It's Jo King.

Johnny: *(to others)* This could get confusing. *(to Jo King)* Hey, Jo King – we have a fellow astronaut with us that loves a good joke. She's just on the other side of our space ship. Why don't you go and have a chat to her. *(Jo King joins Dropski)*. There! No more confusion. *(noticing Ellie Kopter starting to spin around)*. Who are you??

Ellie Kopter: I'm Ellie. Ellie Kopter and we are ... *(spinning again)* The Meeples.

Fran Tick: Ellie Kopter loves to spin around. She's like a ...like a – she's like a Meeple that spins.

Tashaka: *(to Tommy and Johnny)* Or some people would say Ellie Kopter spins like the blades of a helicopter.

Chis Spacket: Not people. Meeple.

Tommy: So are you all Meeple?

Ray Neday: That's right! We're the most accepting life forms this side of the nebula.

Johnny: Especially you!

Ray Neday: Oi you! Cut it out!

Fran Tick: Chill out. Chill out. Chill out. Chill out! *(Chris Spacket has to calm Fran Tick down)*.

Johnny: Well, what makes you so accepting and great?

Ellie Kopter: Well, as you can see, we are all very different.

Johnny: You can say that again.

Ellie Kopter: But we are able to accept these differences and treat others with respect and love.

Ray Neday: *(angrily)* Yeah, love!!

Chris Spacket: We treat everyone as equals. We listen and respect what they have to say if they are three Meeple minutes old or three thousand Meeple millenniums old.

Tommy: But what good is it listening to a Meeple so young? What knowledge do they have that anyone else could possibly want to know?

Ellie Kopter: You'd be surprised Tommy Sensible. Some of our greatest ideas have come from those younger than us.

Tommy: But how?

Chris Packet: Let them be themselves. The young are a very important part of a species survival.

Ray Neday: And you can get the best out of them by helping them when they need help and keeping their hair holders stimulated and excited.

Johnny: Hair holders?

Tashaka: I think they mean their brains - interesting fact about the brain - information from the brain travels at 431 kilometers an hour.

Dropski runs over, followed by Jo King.

Dropski: Major Tommy. You have to be helping me. This strange thing is annoying me. All he want is joke, joke, joke. I told him all I know but he want more. Ship is fixed. Can we please be going now?

Tommy: Sure thing. Hey – did you want to come to Earth? You might be able to teach us a thing or two.

Chris Packet: We're keeping an eye on your planet. I don't think you Earthlings are quite ready to hear what we have to say. You will learn in due time.

Johnny: We need to learn now. Our planet is in danger.

Jo King: You are the ones who can change. If you really want to. This is no joking matter.

Tommy: Well, thank you, all of you. We hope to see you sometime soon.
All astronauts leave.

Ray Neday: Miserable species those people.

(All sing song in parts starting with Ray Neday)

Sing You're Here Too



Act Two

Scene Four

Back on the S.O.A.P4 - astronauts who arrive back are buckling in.

Levin: How was that you guys?

Dropski: Very strange beings.

Tashaka: They were all so different, but they all accepted each other's differences - and got on really well.

Levin: It sounds like there was a lot of united diversity on that planet aye you lot?

Dropski: I don't know how they be putting up with that Jo King. I be telling you - hearing non stop jokes can drive a person crazy.

Silence the spaceship.

Dropski? Why is nobody talking?

Johnny: Hey, we gotta find our way back to Earth pretty quick.

Tommy: Why's that Johnny?

Johnny: Well this here fuel gauge is telling me we need to get a move on. We've only got a quarter of a tank left.

Tashaka: And we still have no idea where we are.

Levin: That's not good mate. Are there any other planets around that we can land on.

Tommy: Once we run out of fuel, our oxygen supplies will also fail. How is that radio transmission working now Dropski?

Dropski: It is on, but trying to pick up signal from Earth. Please be hanging on.. I be thinking something is coming through

Mana: Greetings Earthlings. You are receiving transmission from the Planet we call Valuity. We are a peaceful species who request your presence. We hope you will accept our invitation. Co-ordinates have been sent through to your ship.

Tommy: What was that?

Johnny: I don't know - co-ordinates have come through. I'll send it through to you Tashaka - see if you can get a reading on the planet.

Tashaka: Thanks Johnny. It looks like it's smaller than most planets we've been too. *(pause)* That's strange..

Levin: What's that?

Tashaka: The oxygen levels coming from this planet are really high.

Tommy: They are?

Tashaka: Really high. I don't believe it! Well, I believe a lot of things. Like our ozone layer could be almost completely restored by 2040.

Johnny: What do we do Tommy?

Tommy: Our only option at the moment is to accept their invitation.

Dropski: It won't take long to travel to planet. Co-ordinates have been entered.

Levin: Let's go you fullas!!



Act Two

Scene Five

Spaceship lands on Valuity (a green planet much like Earth) and waiting outside the ship are The Beings - Mana, Maramatanga, Aoturoa, Kotahi and Mahi. Tommy, Levin, Johnny and Tashaka come out of the spaceship.

Levin: Far out, this place looks just like Aotearoa!

Johnny: Nah Levin - this looks more like New Zealand.

Levin: Aotearoa is New Zealand bro.

Johnny: That's a bit greedy isn't it Levin - having two names.

Tommy: Oh my goodness - this planet is amazing! *(looking around and then noticing the Beings standing at the back of the stage).* Look you guys. Over there. Those green creatures.

Levin: It looks like they're just checking us out.

Tashaka: Tommy, the reading I have is that this planet has breathable oxygen. I think we can take off our helmets.

Tommy: I don't know..

Johnny: Who's first?

Levin: I'll go bro! I've got a good feeling about this aye!

(Levin takes his helmet off, and takes a big deep breath)

Levin: Ahhh - that's some good as O2 bro!

(The other astronauts take off their helmets and breathe in the air - all really impressed.) As they do so all of the Meeple and Specials come out with the Beings.

Levin: Jeez - those fullas have multiplied. There were five and now there's blimmin' loads. And look - there are even Specials and Meeple there too! What's going on here!?

Mana, Maramatanga, Aoturoa, Kotahi and Mahi come forward to greet the astronauts.

Mana: Don't be frightened my friends. We are a peaceful being. My name is Mana.

Maramatanga: And I'm Maramatanga - but you can call me Marama. We know you will be freaking out a bit! Don't stress aye! You're all welcome here on Valuity!

Levin: This is freaky as aye! Are you sure this isn't New Zealand?

Kotahi: Bring out the rest of your crew.

Tommy: *(talking into microphone)* Dropski - come out, and can you bring Micaela and Sam with you?

Dropski brings out Sam and Micaela.

Sam: Wooow! Look at this planet!

Micaela: Look at all these trees..

Tommy: This is like Earth..... but greener.

Tashaka: My lungs feel great with every breath. Did you know we breathe almost 22,000 times every day? *(breathes in again)*. I just want to keep breathing more.

Dropski: Well don't you be starting to be breathing less - then you will be having a problems.

Johnny: Where are we? And who are yal?

Kotahi: We are Being

Johnny: Being what?

Kotahi: That's it. Just Being. It's our existence - our nature.

Tashaka: Or a way of Being.

Kotahi: Precisely. I am Kotahi - I am 'The One!'

Mahi: At least she's stopped calling herself 'The Chosen One' now. I'm Mahi - I make sure things get done around here! Keeping 'The One' and all the other 'ones' on task!

Tommy: I'm Commander Tommy. It is great to meet you. We have met some of the beings that are on this planet on other planets - you have Specials and Meeple here as well.

Mahi: Yes. We have all sorts of Beings from all around our known universe here living on Valuity. We have learnt a lot from their Worlds - we pride ourselves on our United Diversity..

Tommy: Why did you invite us to your planet?

Maramatanga: To help you understand.

Aotūroa: To give you more of an appreciation for what is really important.

Mana: And remind you to take pride in what you have.

Aoturoa: Our World Valuity used to be a bit like yours. But then we found our way, like you will with yours.

Mahi: We all worked to put back what was important.

Maramatanga: Trees gave us so much - creatures, clean air, resources.

Aoturoa: As long as we replaced more than what we took, things got better.

Kotahi: Together we stopped creating so much waste - your Earth has the right idea, but needs more hard

Mahi: Work.

Kotahi: That's right Mahi.

Aotūroa: Nature can give you so much - you just have to give back a lot more.

Tashaka: You said together this happened. How do we convince everyone to do this? Some people on Earth don't even think there is a problem.

Kotahi: Help them feel like they belong and that they are welcome. They are part of something amazing.

Levin: We call that Kotahitanga back on our planet.

Maramatanga: Share with others. Support your fellow Earthlings and respect them. Look after yourself and each other.

Levin: And that's Manaakitanga.

Mahi: Believe you have the potential to succeed. Try new things, and don't give up.

Levin: That's Whakamana.. no way - who's next?

Aotūroa: Keep asking questions, solve problems, make good decisions

Maramatanga: And build an understanding of why things happen.

Levin: Far out brussel sprouts - that's Mana Aotūroa

Mana: No - I'm Mana - and that's Aoturoa.

Mahi: And if you can show all of these ways of being...

Maramatanga: Being the Best Me..

Mahi: That is how you can grow as a - what do you call yourselves? - ... people

Levin: The Best Me? Now this is really messing with me aye!

Kotahi: It is time for you to return to your home planet. You have no time to lose.

Dropski: But we do not be knowing where we are going. We have been losing our planet.

Johnny: And we don't have much fuel left.

Mahi: Do not worry human. Our other Beings have filled up your ship with a clean fuel source we have in abundance on our planet.

Aoturoa: You will discover it in due course on your planet.

Mana: And your planet is not too far away from this one. We are both at the best end of the universe.

Levin: Far. Out!

Tommy: We thank you for your wisdom and generosity. You are welcome to visit Earth whenever you want.

Maramatanga: We just might. Safe travels Earthlings. Good luck with your planet.

All astronauts and Sam and Micaela enter the spaceship and take off as the Beings sing World's Away.

Sing song 'Worlds Away'



Act Two

Scene Six

Stage is split. The spaceship stays on one side and the ground control desk on the other. The families of the astronauts, Celeste Tealnite, and

the Ground Control engineers are at the control desk.

Astronauts in the spaceship are pushing buttons and looking busy.

Levin: Right. Now that we're airborne, how are we gunna get home you lot?

Johnny: Well, we need to try and get in contact with Earth and see what they suggest.

Tommy: Does anyone here have any ideas?

Everyone is silent, shaking their heads.

Tommy: Sam, Micaela – what do you think?

Sam: Well, if we.....

Dropski: Major, I getting something through radio. I thinking it Earth.

Gladys: This is Ground Control to S.O.A.P 4. Do you read?

Tommy: Ground Control this is Major Tommy.

Gladys: It's them!!!

All at Ground Control are really excited and start screaming for joy.

Ivan: Great success!! High five! *(gives everyone high fives)*

Tommy: It's great to hear from you again. We don't know how long communication will last. Do you have any ideas on how we can get back to Earth? Our navigation system is down.

Jim: Tommy, this is Jim Pansey. Can you hear me Tommy? Tommy, I can't answer your question.

Tommy: Yeah, thanks a lot Jim.

Sam: Excuse me Dad. Micaela and I were talking and we think we have a plan.

Tommy: What was it guys?

Micaela: Well, we think that the only way we can find Earth again is if Earth shows itself to us.

Tashaka: How can Earth all of a sudden pop up so we can see it?

Sam: If Earth could shine a light up in the air we might be able to see it.

Levin: I read that there was a really powerful telescope and light that is so strong, you can see it a long way away.

Micaela: Yeah, so if we point it up to the sky, hopefully we will be able to see it and then fly towards it, getting home safe and sound.

Johnny: What a great idea. You know I think that might just work.

Tommy: Did you hear that Ground Control?

Gladys: What do you need S.O.A.P 4?

Dropski: You need soap for cleaning yourself and smelling nice.

Gladys: No, I didn't mean that. I meant...

Dropski: Yes, I know. Just joking.

Tommy: We need the National Astronomy Light to be pointed up to the sky and turned on full power. We are hoping to see it and return to Earth.

Gladys: That might just work. I'll contact them straight away. Over.

Tommy: I'm so proud of you. I'm sorry for not being there for you. I've really missed out on seeing you grow up. I promise that when we get back, things are going to be a lot different.

A light is shone at the back of the stage, through the back curtain.

Tashaka: Look! There it is! It's worked! We can see Earth.

Levin: Well, what are we waiting for you fullas. Let's go home!
All get strapped in and sing song.

Sing song 'Light It Up'



Act Two

Scene Seven

Back on Earth. Press conference with all cast on stage with Celeste at the podium. Signs and balloons are put up and the reporters are there.

Celeste: Thank you for all turning up today. The last few days have been very stressful for all involved, but I am pleased to say that all five astronauts have been located and brought back safely to Earth. So without further ado – here they are. *(everyone cheers when each astronaut comes out)*

Levin Palmie, Tashaka Illetue, Dropski Thaborla, Johnny Loudly and the leader of the expedition, Tommy Sensible *(Tommy walks out with Sam and Micaela)*.

Tommy: *(reading his speech)*. Thank you for your warm welcome. The last few days have been an interesting journey where we have all seen things which will ultimately change the way we see the world, as well as live. We are bringing this journey to you all, with a message of hope.

Enter all of the Specials, Meeple, Beings. Everyone is shocked at seeing all of these aliens.

Medulla: Greetings. I am Medulla from planet Special. You have great thinkers and innovators on your blue planet. Keep learning, keep asking questions and keep trying new things to make your Earth a better place.

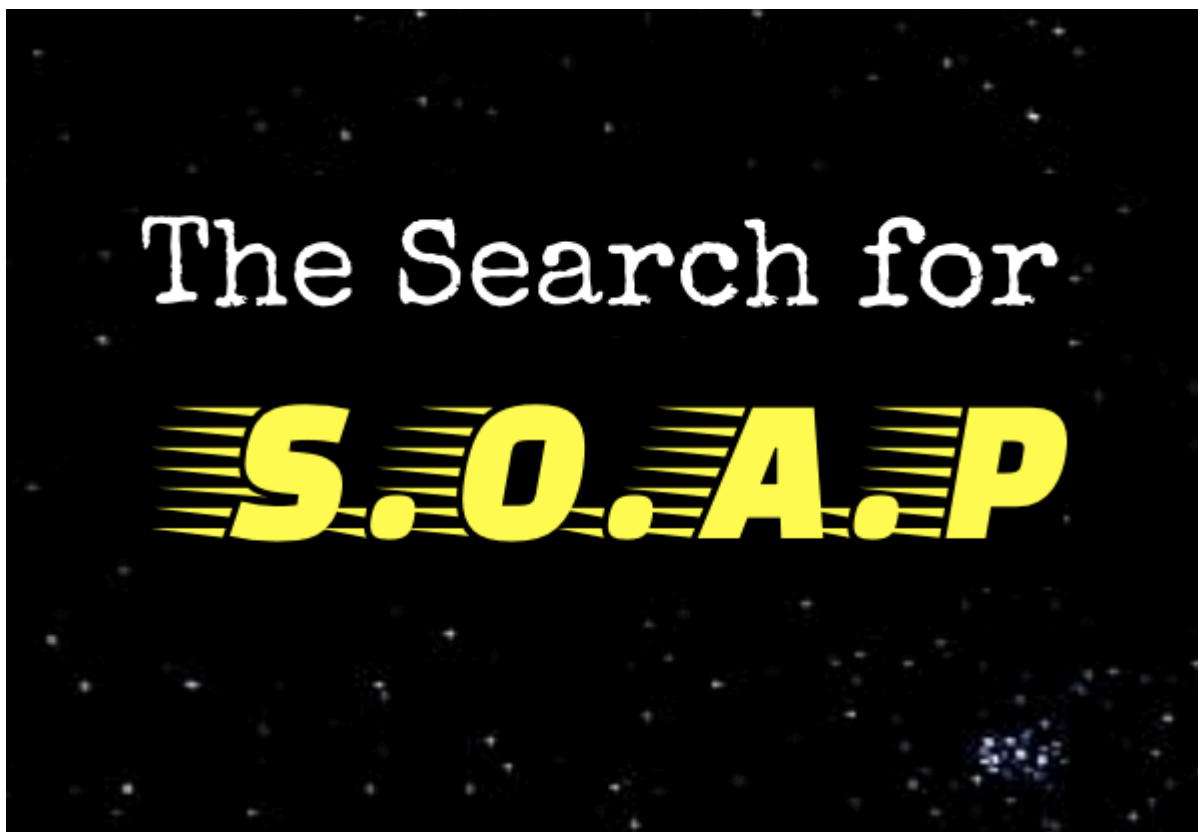
Ellie: I'm Ellie - Ellie Copter. I'm different. You're different. We're all different.

Chris: And it is important to embrace and appreciate everyone's differences. We all have something to offer! We are all diverse - the key is to stay united and work together.

Mana: I am Mana from Valuity. Our message is to be kind to each other, look after yourself, each other, your planet. Share and be the best version of yourself you can be.

Tommy: Thank you friends. Earth is such a great place and we are all very lucky to be living here together with all the other creatures both big and small. On our journey into space we have met other life forms to which I, and I'm sure all of us can ultimately learn from – either from things they are doing well, or not so well. I, personally, have learnt that my children, and in fact every child on this Earth deserve our love and guidance, and to listen to them more as they can also be wonderful teachers. Thank you to my extraordinary crew for getting us back safe and sound and also thank you all for your kind thoughts and wishes in bringing us home. I look forward to the up and coming years of interplanetary communication and an improved way of being. How we live our lives on Earth. *(very excited)* It's great to be home!

Sing So Spaceman



THE SONGS

Music and Lyrics written by Dan Minchin

My Little Piece of Dirt (vocals) (instrumental)

The rings of Saturn and the landing on Mars
Standing on Earth looking up at the stars
Jupiter's moons around the planets they fly
Beam me up Scotty on the Enterprise

My country and my King, we make a smashing team
Your Majesty
We invented mostly all of your favourite sports,
brought our culture to your port
England is my home

CHORUS

Home (x3)
Home is Earth is home
I think you know
My little piece of dirt
Home on Earth

To Motherland I sing it proud, we use cow to plow the ground
It is great I have a crowd! In microphone I talk real loud
Do you understanding me? I real good at comedy
I hope to think you all agree,
I make you laugh like hee, hee, hee
Hee hee hee
Russia is my home

CHORUS

Forever and ever in Outer space
Where nothing at all seems out of place
Do you want to know how far it will go?

Or wonder at all if we will ever know

**Ni hau - oh wow - It is now my turn to tell
I get a great sensation from Information
When you learn a lot - it's like a celebration
From books I read, or on the internet
My brain remembers - I don't forget
China's great, did you know we made the
Very first paper, the very first fireworks as well as the world's
very first umbrella
China is my home
CHORUS**

**We are great, me and the U.S.A
In America we all do firmly believe
We have the best fast food restaurants,
You can order whatever you want
It's all about the show
My America is home
CHORUS**

**The Space Station and the Milky Way
Here on this Earth do I want to stay
On the return will we be the same
That's if we ever make it back again**

**Oh hello, Kia Ora bro - I'm not sure what to korero to you
I'll try to give some kind of clue - for things us kiwi's like to do
Play rugby and make milk and cheese,
New Zealand's got a lot of trees
Ernest was the cleverest and Edmund climbed up Everest
We're the first ones to give women the vote
If I don't know your name I'll call you bro
Our native bird has never flown
I'm proud to call New Zealand home**

Home is Earth is home

I think you know

My little piece of dirt Home on Earth, home on Earth.

Misunderstood *instrumental track*

Stuart was glum – people thought that he was dumb

Everyday he went to school they would tease and poke fun

They used to call him names - they would make him feel ashamed

And this drove him up the wall – Stuart wasn't dumb at all

At all – ah, ah, ah.

It's no good - Cause just like Stuart

I'm misunderstood

I'm sure you knew it.

Sarah was huge – and I'm not just being rude

She did no exercise and she really loved her food

Before the first course she said that she could eat a horse

The waiter brought one out and I know just how she felt

I know just how she felt – ah, ah, ah.

It's no good - Cause just like Sarah

I'm misunderstood

It's just not fair

Misunderstanding, I'm getting sick of this

Just because I can sing – it don't make me Elvis

Uh, ha.

Steve looked hard - a security guard

He liked to clench his fists when he stood outside the bar

Then one night someone tried to pick a fight

He didn't want to stay so he turned and ran away

Away – ah, ah, ah.

It's no good - Cause just like Steve

I'm misunderstood

There's just no need

Misunderstanding, I'm getting sick of this
Just because I can sing – it don't make me Elvis
Uh, hu Uh, hu, Uh hu.

'Roger That' instrumental track

Ground Control engineers
We keep the crew all safe and sound
To calm their fears
We steer them up to space
So drop your motion sickness pills,
We're sorry bout the taste
Lock helmets into place
So the heat won't melt your face, and countdown
10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1

We can confirm liftoff - Up you go
No concern with liftoff - You'd be happy to know

Ground Control do you read – Roger that
Ground Control, we're picking up speed – Roger that
Leaving the atmosphere the sky is turning black – Roger that
We hope to make it back – Roger that
Or that will be that – Roger that
Oh no what was that? Oh no!

Earth, where are you? We've lost communication!
Earth, where are you? Have you tried the backup station?
Earth, where are you? It seems that they are gone!
Earth, where are you? Commence the search it's high alert
Earth, where are you?

Floating up in space at the speed of sound No gravity at all to

**pull us down
To you (x4).**

Rocket Out In Space instrumental track

**Atmosphere, that's way up here
Seen by the darkness
I hold on to the thought of you
In the stars shining through my
Little window
My little window**

**If you could see me now
I'm not coming down, (oh when I can)
Rocket out in Space (oh, out in space)
In my weightless state
Meteor fate (oh with your)
Rocket in Space – oooo oooo oooo.**

**Crew prepare, for far out there
We look out - Out of place, here without a trace
Until we step out
Of our Space
Craft – do you hear me?
A – firmative
Commencing spacewalk won't you come outside
It's all so beautiful you won't believe your eyes.**

**If you could see me now
I'm not coming down, (oh when I can)
Rocket out in Space (oh, out in space)**

In my weightless state

Meteor fate (oh with your)

Rocket in Space – oooo oooo oooo (repeat oooo's)

Easy Peasy (instrumental track)

We are exceptionally bright

Like the sun, or a 10, 000 watt halogen light bulb

When we talk we hope you understand

We like to use big words

And interesting vocab – u – la - ry

Potentially we're all so very smart

Our intelligence knows no bounds let's plot it on a chart

Or a spreadsheet, a line graph,

How about a pie chart?

We are all brainy, we are all wise

We can count to infinity - not once, but twice

I'll say this clearly, I'll enunciate.

We've been wrong one time

When we thought we made a mistake

We are so smart - we don't experience brain farts

I am intelligent - my memory's better than an elephant

We is brainy - I don't do maths - cause maths does me

Have I told you I'm Clever? And that's in any type of weather

Are you surprised? I'm on the wiser side of Wise

I am not slow. I win Connect 4 in 3 goes.

Learning is exciting - Maths, reading, and writing

I am educated - that's not exaggerated

I'll blow your mind with my mind - I can even make this line rhyme

Oh yes..

Words! - are important when you're writing a sentence.

You're Here Too instrumental track

I'm down trodden, nothing is right
Damn this sodden daily grind
I don't care anyway
I'll come to your parade, I'm Ray – Ray Neday
Now won't you go away

Meeple, Come on Meeple, Meeple, Come on Meeple, Meeple

Spin, spin, spin as high as a kite
You won't see me, I'm out of sight
I don't need a doctor
The last one I think I shocked her
Clear the way for Ellie Kopter

Meeple, Come on Meeple, Meeple, Come on Meeple, Meeple

I don't mean to hurry, I cannot help but rush
I'm like a hot, hot curry – or a bus
Of which no one can sit
And it's full of screaming kids, I'll drive you Fran Tick

INSTRUMENTAL

Meeple, Come on Meeple, Meeple, Come on Meeple, Meeple

My approach is a level head
I'll find the alternative instead
If you feel that you can't hack it,
I'll let you wear my jacket
I'll help your chill – I'm Chris Packet

Meeple, Come on Meeple, Meeple, Come on Meeple

What's that on your face? I think it's a frown
I'll rip it, flip it and stick it upside down

My life is one big karaoke
I don't need much provoking
Oh help I think I'm choking
Ahhh – I'm just Jo King.

Worlds Away (instrumental track)

And now you need to go
To find the path to take you home
The time to change I hope for all of you may
Not seem like worlds away

The hope for your tomorrow
The chance for me and you
Colour me my rainbow
Then fly me to the moon

Ko We'll do this together
Ta Work to make things better
Hi We need everyone
Tanga

Light It Up instrumental track

When it seems that there is just no use
Things seem hopeless and you're feeling the blues
Help me – can you please?
As you know I am feeling unsure
I need for you to show me the door
Push it back and pull me in.

BRIDGE

Bring me back, I've been away
Oh won't you turn the night in to day

CHORUS

Light it up and shine it up to me
Light it up so I can see you and your beam
I'm tired of the night – light it up
Shine on me

We've seen our share of highs and lows
And been moving to the to's and fro's
And I don't know where I am
Everything is all back to front
Where is the treasure in my treasure hunt?
Blindfold me and spin me around

BRIDGE then CHORUS

Light it up and shine it up to me
Light it up so I can see you and your beam
I'm tired of the night – light it up
Shine on me

I'm coming down – back down to you

**Turn from black back into blue
Through the clouds I'm passing by
I see the birds up in the sky
I fly across the deep blue sea
I feel the sun shine down on me.**

I'm coming down – back down to you

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Shine on me

Shine on me (x2)

Shine on me (x2)

So Spaceman

instrumental track

Tell me what you're thinking, When you see the twinkling
Sprinkle of the stars, scattered far and wide
Across the charcoal sky,
It's further than the eye can reach ya
Just jump on board Mr Peculiar Space Creature

CHORUS

Face to face
So Spaceman – I sure am glad we got a chance to meet
So Spaceman – and also that you're friendly that is really neat
Face to face.

Ten planets from the Earth, you're now coming first
A burst of speed, brings you up to me
Among the constellations, I have no hesitation
I may be late though I'm not good at navigation

CHORUS

To feel the early morning hum
Of the slow reaching fingers of the sun
The darkened shadows turn and run
Rise with the sun, now we are one, the days begun

Thanks for teaching me, and now we'll outline the plan
This time I will include you and I'll be round like a moon
It took a while but now I'm on the same page, it's now I realise

**The empty space I left was doing you wrong
You'll find me gone no longer**

**A burst of speed brings you up to me
I'm coming up, just jump on board (repeat – getting faster)**