

# IN PRAISE OF RODENTS

tune: "The Real Old Mountain Dew"

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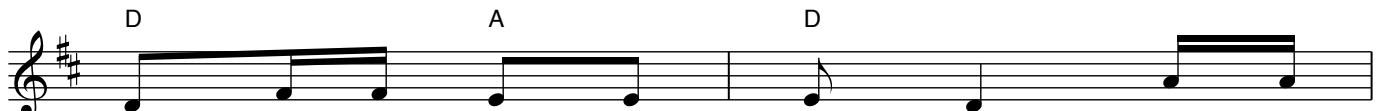
COME\_\_ LEARN - ED FRIENDS WHO\_\_ LIVE IN HOPE AND\_\_  
IT'S A LUCK - - Y BREAK FOR HU - MAN - I - - TY RATS AND\_\_  
NOW\_\_ CHRO - MO - SOMES AND\_\_ D N A ARE\_\_  
NOW\_\_ WHEN THE DANES TO\_\_ IRE - LAND CAME TO\_\_  
A\_\_ TOAST TO YOU BRAVE\_\_ MAM - MALS ALL WHO AL -



LIS - - TEN TO MY STO - - RY IT'S A -  
MICE ARE CLOSE RE - - LA - - TIONS WE\_\_  
WELL BE - - YOND THE KNOW - - LEDGE OF A  
PLU - - DER AND TO PIL - - LAGE THEIR\_\_  
- LOW WITH - - OUT COM - - PLAIN - - ING\_\_ THE



- BOUT THOSE\_\_ NOT QUITE\_\_ VOL - UN - - TEERS YOU'LL\_\_  
NEED THEIR\_\_ HELP TO\_\_ TEST AND PLAN FOR\_\_  
GENT - - LE - MAN'S "C" IN BI - - LO - - GY FROM MY  
NOR - - DIC\_\_ RATS CHASED\_\_ E - - RIN'S CATS FROM\_\_  
PRO - - BING\_\_ AND THE\_\_ PO\_\_ KING ALL THE



FIND IN A LAB' - - RA - - TO - - RY THO' THEY  
ME - - DI - CAL IN - - NO - - VA - - TIONS A - - -  
FRESH - - MAN\_\_ YEAR IN COL - - LEGE BUT I  
EV' - - RY\_\_ TOWN AND VIL - - LAGE DIS\_\_  
TEST - - ING\_\_ AND THE TRAIN - - ING SOON\_\_



HAVE FOUR FEET LONG TAILS AND SQUEAK PLEASE DON'T  
- LAS THEIR LIT - - TLE LIVES ARE SHORT BUT WE  
KNOW WHAT RE - - SEARCH TRIES TO DO AND I'M  
EASE AND PLAGUES ON EV' - - RY HAND LEFT A  
MAN AND BEAST WILL O - - VER - COME EV - - 'RY



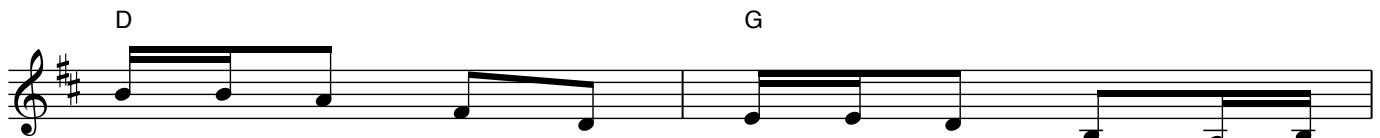
THINK OF THEM AS VER - - MIN THEY'RE ES -  
HOPE THEY DIE CON - - TEN - - TED TO\_\_  
FILLED WITH AD - - MI - - RA - - TION AT THE  
HOR - - RID RE - - PU - - TA - - TION BUT\_\_  
DEAD - - LY VI - - RAL VOO - - DOO KEEP THE



- SEN - - TIAL \_\_\_\_\_ TO THE \_\_\_\_\_ SEARCH FOR CURES FU - TURE  
KNOW THEIR \_\_\_\_\_ GENES ARE \_\_\_\_\_ PUT TO WORK AND \_\_\_\_\_  
JOB OUR \_\_\_\_\_ RO - - DENT \_\_\_\_\_ FRIENDS ALL DO IN \_\_\_\_\_  
NOW THEIR DE - SCEND - ANTS \_\_\_\_\_ MAKE A - - MENDS FOR THAT  
GOOD WORK \_\_\_\_\_ UP FOUR \_\_\_\_\_ LEG - - GED FRIENDS NO ONE



ME - - DI - CINE WILL DE - - - TER - - MINE OH  
HU - - MAN \_\_\_\_\_ CURES IN - - - VENT - - ED OH  
LABS A \_\_\_\_\_ ROUND THE NA - - TION OH  
TER - - RI - - BLE DE - - PRE - - - DA - - TION OH  
ELSE CAN \_\_\_\_\_ DO WHAT YOU DO OH



DID - LY - EYE - - DUM OH DID - LY - EYE - - DUM OH \_\_\_\_\_



DID - - LY EYE DOO - DLE EYE AY \_\_\_\_\_

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COME LEARNED FRIENDS WHO LIVE IN HOPE  
AND LISTEN TO MY STORY  
IT'S ABOUT THOSE NOT-QUITE-VOLUNTEERS  
YOU'LL FIND IN A LABORATORY

THOUGH THEY HAVE FOUR FEET, LONG TAILS, AND SQUEAK  
PLEASE DON'T THINK OF THEM AS VERMIN  
THEY'RE ESSENTIAL TO THE SEARCH FOR CURES  
FUTURE MEDICINE WILL DETERMINE

[CHORUS]

IT'S A LUCKY BREAK FOR HUMANITY  
MICE AND RATS ARE OUR CLOSE RELATIONS  
WE NEED THEIR HELP FOR DEVELOPMENT  
OF MEDICAL INNOVATIONS

ALAS, THEIR LITTLE LIVES ARE SHORT  
BUT I HOPE THEY DIE CONTENTED  
TO KNOW THEIR GENES ARE PUT TO WORK  
AND HUMAN CURES INVENTED

[CHORUS]

NOW CHROMOSOMES AND DNA  
ARE WELL BEYOND THE KNOWLEDGE  
OF A "GENTLEMAN'S C" IN BIOLOGY  
FROM MY FRESHMAN YEAR IN COLLEGE

BUT I GET WHAT RESEARCH IS ALL ABOUT  
AND I'M FILLED WITH ADMIRATION  
AT THE JOB OUR RODENT FRIENDS ALL DO  
IN LABS AROUND THE NATION

[CHORUS]

NOW WHEN VIKING SHIPS TO IRELAND CAME  
FOR PLUNDER AND FOR PILLAGE  
THEIR NORDIC RATS CHASED ERIN'S CATS  
FROM EVERY TOWN AND VILLAGE

DISEASE AND PLAGUES ON EVERY HAND  
LEFT A HORRID REPUTATION  
BUT THE RODENTS OF TODAY SURELY MAKE AMENDS  
FOR THAT TERRIBLE DEPREDATION

[CHORUS]

HERE'S A TOAST TO YOU, BRAVE MAMMALS ALL  
WHO ALLOW WITHOUT COMPLAINING  
THE PROBING AND THE POKING  
ALL THE TESTING AND THE TRAINING

SOON MAN AND BEAST WILL OVERCOME  
EVERY DEADLY VIRAL VOODOO  
KEEP THE GOOD WORK UP, FOUR-LEGGED FRIENDS -  
NO ONE ELSE CAN DO WHAT YOU DO!

[CHORUS]