

THE PARODY SONGS THAT DESTROYED EARTH



**WRITTEN & PERFORMED BY
MARK JONATHAN DAVIS**

INCLUDING THE STAR WARS CANTINA AND SHATNERED
WITH THE PHANTOM MEDLEY PLUS RICE RICE BABY AND MORE
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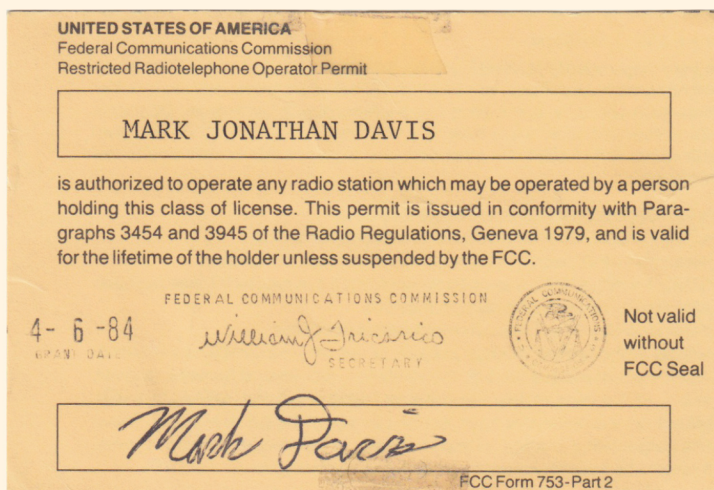
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From 1982 to 1999, my entire life pretty much revolved around writing, singing, and producing parody songs.

It started in Phoenix with Jonathon Brandmeier, who did the morning show at KZZP-FM radio. I and some high school friends would record homemade parody songs on to cassettes, and mail them to Brandmeier in hopes that he would play them on the air. And he did!

Once I got a taste of that semi-fame, I was hooked on radio. I took broadcasting



classes, worked at the Arizona State University campus radio station KASR-AM, got a part-time job as a control board operator at a lite-rock station, and taught myself how to use reel-to-reel machines and mixing consoles.

In June 1985, my dream came true and I was hired at KZZP, initially as a weekend deejay, and then as producer for their new Kelly & Co. morning show. Over the next four years, I produced and performed scores of parody songs, many co-written with my fellow KASR alumnus Rob "Iceman" Izenberg. (A collection of those "IceMark" parody song collaborations, including "We Love Barney Fife," "I Want Your Sox," and "La Isla Gilligan" will be released on a separate album next year.)


One of the first parody song projects I worked on at KZZP was "**Rock Me Jerry Lewis**," created in 1986 by deejays Mike Elliott & Bud Latour. I helped them write the spoken-word lyrics, I sang backup vocals, and I did the voice of Jerry Lewis at the end. We pressed it as a single to raise money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. I vaguely remember meeting Jerry Lewis at an MDA event at a Scottsdale bowling alley, where he autographed a box full of 45s. Mike still has about 100 of them in his garage.



I left KZZP under mysterious circumstances (you can read more about that in my forthcoming autobiography "Atlas Lounged"), and in August 1990, I moved to Los Angeles. I had been hired as a full-time parody song producer for the Premiere Radio Networks. For two years, I wrote, sang, and produced four or five parody songs every week, nearly 200 total. And a lot of those were country-western songs! It was grueling.

Three of those Premiere parodies are included in this collection: "**Jeannie's**

Diner," "Wicked Game Show," and "Rice Rice Baby," which became a huge



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RICE RICE BABY

Rice, rice baby.....	1.00	You're eatin'.....	2.00
Alright stop.....	2.00	SWEET & SOUR	
Grab a table and a menu.....	3.00	But you'll be hungry.....	3.95
Ice is back in this.....	4.00	In less than an hour.....	1.00
Oriental venue.....	5.00	Use chopsticks.....	0.29
Hungry, for a little.....	6.00	Or don't, it don't matter.....	1.25
CHOP SUEY		Fingers were made for a.....	5.50
You got some Dim Sum.....	6.95	Pu-Pu Platter.....	6.75
Bring it right to me.....	7.95	EGG ROLLING	
You know what you want?.....	8.95	With Egg Foo Yung.....	8.95
Yo, can't decide.....	9.95	My dinner is cookin' like.....	5.95
COLUMN A		Connie Chung.....	8.20
I like Fried		NOODLES	
Shrimp and	COLUMN B	(ON STANDBY)	
My fingers	Spare Ribs	Chow Mein.....	nearby
Waitin' for the	I'm lickin'	Egg Drop.....	No
MAIN COURSE		I'm a Wonton Soup guy.....	3.50
Kung Pao Chicken (*SPICY).....	8.75	SOY SAUCE	
I mean hot like a Stir Fry.....	8.75	Hot Mustard.....	smokin'
If you can't take it, order.....	8.75	My plate is clean and my.....	1.00
Moo Goo Gai Pan.....	9.75	Fortune Cookie's.....	broken
Means Chicken and Mushrooms.....	4.00	Bustin' a bite of.....	2.95
While you're on the.....	5.00	Mongolian Beef.....	11.95
SOUP		Get a mint toothpick.....	0.00
The food is here too soon.....	3.50	For my teeth.....	1.50
NO SUBSTITUTIONS		Takeout, leftover.....	2.00
But you get.....	3.50	LO MEIN	
Hot Tea.....	2.75	If I eat any more.....	1.50
They say.....	1.00	I'll have a weight gain.....	2.50
VEGETABLE		If I get.....	1.00
But that means.....	4.95	DESSERT	
Snow Pea.....	2.50	Yo, I deserve it.....	3.95
If I get.....	1.00	Check out the chow.....	6.95
DESSERT		While the waiter serves it.....	9.95
Yo, I deserve it.....	3.95	RICE RICE BABY	
Check out the chow.....	6.95	Rice, rice baby.....	1.00
While the waiter serves it.....	9.95	Rice.....	1.00
RICE, RICE BABY		Yo man let's get out of here.....	3.21
Rice, rice baby.....	1.00	Tip to your waitress.....	9.99
		RICE RICE BABY	
		(TO GO)	
		Rice, rice baby to go.....	1.50

in an "I Dream Of Jeannie" TV promo on Nick At Nite. Soon I segued from morning radio to the television industry.

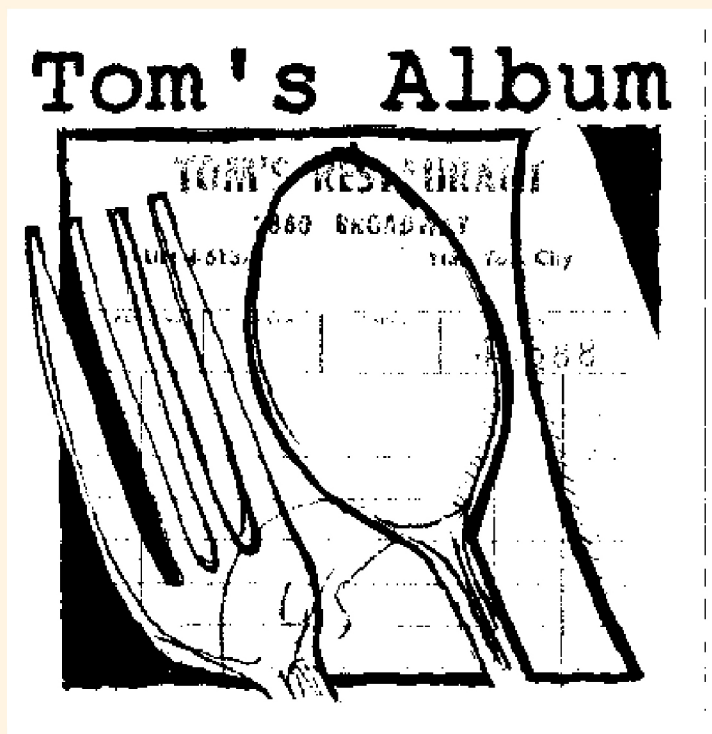
I did a bunch of other TV theme parodies, including a zany interpretation of "The Bob Newhart Show Theme." And then I found myself doing parody jingles for NBC, CBS, TVLand, FOX, MTV, and the Disney Channel's "House Of Mouse" cartoon series. I even produced a parody for a cruise ship commercial, for which I was paid with a free Bahamas cruise, on which my girlfriend broke up with me on the starboard bow.

Back on land, I independently released two parody songs paying tribute to "Star



novelty hit on radio stations coast to coast.

"Jeannie's Diner" was featured on a Suzanne Vega album, and it was also used



Wars." Thanks to Napster, 1997's "The Star Wars Cantina" became a worldwide smash, reaching #1 numerous times on The Dr. Demento Show Funny Five Countdown. I also did a 1999 followup called "The Phantom Medley," which crammed 16 parody songs into two-and-a-half minutes. I'm exhausted just thinking about it.

I probably would have continued doing parodies like these for another 20 years, but in October 2000, I stumbled into a new gig, as a Las Vegas lounge singer. My



Richard Cheese & Lounge Against The Machine band became a full-time job, and my parody song escapades ceased.

In early 2020, while quarantining, I started listening to my old parody song archive tapes, and I thought it would be fun to re-release some of my favorites, most of which haven't been available for more than 30 years.

I re-mastered them all, re-sang the vocal on "Rice Rice Baby," and dug up an unfinished parody idea, "**Shatnered**,"

about William Shatner, and recorded it just for this album.

"**THE PARODY SONGS THAT DESTROYED EARTH**" provides a quick glimpse into a quirky chapter of my professional life, when I ate, drank, and slept parody songs, studying every Top 40 hit to see if I could convert it from serious to silly.

I am particularly proud of these 8 examples of my parody oeuvre, because they *worked*. The concepts were solid, the lyrics came easy, and I was in good voice those days. But above all, they still make people laugh ... and during this endless pandemic nightmare, laughter seems to be the best and only medicine we have.

And so, here's a syringe full of parody songs. Use as directed.

Wakanda Forever,

MJD

October 10, 2020



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THE STAR WARS CANTINA

by Mark Jonathan Davis

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(parody of "Copacabana" by Barry Manilow)

Music: Bryce Johnson

Backup Vocals: Loretta Mendoza

Engineering: James Arnold Taylor, Larry Morgan,

Rob Izenberg

Released: January 8, 1997

Her name was Leia

She was a princess

With a danish on each ear

And Darth Vader drawing near

So R2-D2

Found Ben Kenobi

He'd have to put the Death Star plans

Into the rebellion's hands

So Luke and Obi-Wan

Had to get to Alderaan

So they stopped into Mos Eisley

To have a drink with Han

At the Star Wars

Star Wars Cantina

The weirdest creatures you've ever seen-a

Here at the Star Wars

Star Wars Cantina

Music and blasters

And old Jedi masters

At the Star Wars....

His name was Solo

he was a pilot

With a blaster at his side

And a smile 12 parsecs wide

There with Chewbacca

He was a wookiee

They met with Luke and Obi-Wan

About the Millennium Falcon

Docking bay ninety-four

Stormtroopers at the door

With a flash of Ben's light-saber

Now there's an arm on the floor

At the Star Wars

Star Wars Cantina

The weirdest creatures you've ever seen-a

Here at the Star Wars

Star Wars Cantina

Music and blasters

And old Jedi masters

At the Star Wars....

His name was Yoda

He was a muppet

Darth Vader was so bad

And by the way, he's Luke's dad

Luke kissed his sister

His hand got cut-off

In that galaxy far, far away

Luke has had a lousy day

Boba Fett was so mean

Jabba had bad hygiene

Why didn't they all just relax

Back on Tatooine

At the Star Wars

Star Wars Cantina

The weirdest creatures you've ever seen-a

Here at the Star Wars

Star Wars Cantina

Music and blasters

And old Jedi masters

At the Star Wars Cantina

LARRY Charley

THE STAR WARS CANTINA COPACABANA
Written by Mark Davis
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lea
f. miss
hair
dash
long
droid
like
message
had got
His name was R2-
He was a robot
A droid of white and blue
With C3PO too
They met the jawas
And then Luke Skywalker
He saw a princess in despair
With two danishes in her hair
She needed Obi-Wan
To fly to Alderaan
So Luke and Ben Kenobi
Had to go find Han

(Her name was Leia)
she was a princess she had to get the Death Star Plans
with Darth Vader's army
And a danish on each ear
with then C3PO
Add R2D2
Luke Skywalker brought R2D2
and C3PO

They had to get the Death Star Plans
into the rebels hands

with the secret death star plans
fell into Luke Skywalker's hands
The princess

plans
SO R2D2

at the Star Wars, Star Wars Cantina
The weirdest creatures that you ever seen-a
at the Star Wars, Star Wars Cantina
Music and blasters
And old Jedi Masters
At the Star Wars

His name was Solo
He was a pilot
With a blaster at his side
And a smile 12 parsecs wide
~~Down in Mos Eisley~~ AN THEN COPACABANA
There with Chewbacca HE WAS A WARRIOR
They met with Luke and Obi-wan
About the Millenium Falcon
Docking bay ninety-four
Stormtroopers at the door
With a flash of Ben's lightsaber
Now there's an arm on the floor

So R2D2
And Luke Skywalker
Add C3PO
Fell into Skywalker's hands
with the secret death star plans
Ben Kenobi
Found Ben Kenobi
He'd have to get the
DS plans
into the
rebels
hands

at the Star Wars, Star Wars Cantina
The weirdest creatures that you ever seen-a
at the Star Wars, Star Wars Cantina
Music and blasters
And old Jedi Masters
At the Star Wars
Can-ti-ina

SHATNERED

by Mark Jonathan Davis

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(parody of "Shattered" by The Rolling Stones)

Music: Mitchell Sigman

Additional Engineering: Peter Dirado

Released: October 10, 2020

Uh huh

Shatner

(William, Shatner)

Stars and ships and galaxies
Bringin' Klingons to their knees
Look at Captain Kirk!
He's an actor
He's William Shatner

(William, Shatner, Shatner)

The Red Alert's alarming, the Romulans are arming
Beaming down a landing party to the scene, lookout
There might be trouble, bring in the stunt double
Unless that alien wants to snuggle

Black pants and yellow shirt
Chasing intergalactic skirt
That's James T. Kirk
William Shatner
The master blaster

(William, Shatner, Shatner)

All this phaser firing, starship flying, Sulu's driving
Warp factor, factor, factor
He's kind of hammy, but he won an Emmy
On "The Practice"

(William, Shatner, Shatner)

Mister Spock might pinch your neck
But who's the star on
Star Trek, Trek, Trek, Trek, Trek, Trek, Trek, Trek!
William Shatner
He's doing acting

(instrumental break)

Ohh energize

William Shatner

(He's Bill, Shatner, Shatner)

Always sayin' Scotty beam me up, up, up, up, up!

(He was also, T.J. Hooker)

He got tribbles on the Enterprise
Horta's uptown, what a mess
His ship is captured
But he's on a mattress, with a character actress
Gettin' action all over ... that planet

This town is full of sabotaagers
Go ahead, fight the big Apollo
Don't mind the Mugatos
Uh huh

He's hitting on ya
He's drinkin' Tranya
He'll Wrath Of Kahn ya

All this chitter chatter
'Bout the matter anti-matter, matter anti-matter

The Rocket Man
In command
Give him a big hand
William Shatner

RICE RICE BABY

by Mark Jonathan Davis

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(parody of "Ice Ice Baby" by Vanilla Ice)

Additional Engineering: Peter Dirado

Originally Released: November 5, 1990

Re-Recorded: October 10, 2020

Yo maître d', let's cook it!

Rice, rice baby

Rice, rice baby

Alright stop, grab a table and a menu

Ice is back in this Oriental venue

Hungry for a little Chop Suey

You got some Dim Sum, bring it right to me

You know what you want?

Yo, can't decide, Column A, Column B, I like fried

Shrimp and spare ribs, my fingers I'm lickin'

Waitin' for the Main Course, Kung Pau Chicken

Spicy, I mean hot like a stir fry

If you can't take it, order Moo Goo Gai Pan

Means chicken and mushrooms

While you're on the soup, the food is here to soon

No substitutions but you get hot tea

They say vegetable, but that means snow pea

If I get dessert, yo, I deserve it

Check out the chow while the waiter serves it

Rice, rice baby

Rice, rice baby

You're eatin' sweet and sour

But you'll be hungry in less than an hour

Use chopsticks or don't, it don't matter

Fingers were made for a Pu-Pu Platter

Egg rollin' with Egg Foo Yung

My dinner is cookin' like Connie Chung

Noodles on standby, Chow Mein nearby

Egg drop? No, I'm a Wonton Soup guy

Soy sauce, hot mustard smokin'

My plate is clean and my fortune cookie's broken

Bustin' a bite of Mongolian Beef

Get a mint toothpick for my teeth

Takeout, leftover Lo Mein

If I eat any more, I'll have a weight gain

If I get dessert, yo, I deserve it

Check out the chow while the waiter serves it

Rice, rice baby

Rice, rice baby

Rice

Yo man, let's get out of here

Tip to your waitress

Rice, rice baby to go

Rice, rice baby to go

THE PHANTOM MEDLEY

by Mark Jonathan Davis

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Music: Mitchell Sigman

Horns: Eric Jorgensen, Mario Gonzales, Vince Denham

Backup Vocals: Melissa Disney

Additional Engineering: James Arnold Taylor, Rob

Izenberg, Eric Caver

Released: May 10, 1999

(OH SUSANNA)

Well, a long time ago in a galaxy far, far away-a
This guy in black was on the track of the rebels led by Leia
Hey, Luke Skywalker, they fried your uncle and aunt
So he left Tatooine with a light sabre in his pants

(ALOUETTE)

You can bet I, want to be a Jedi
There is no try, only do

(ROW ROW ROW YOUR BOAT)

Use, use, use the force
Trust me, Luke, it's neato
Listen to Ben, he'll tell you when
To launch your torpedo

(THE CAISSONS GO MARCHING ALONG)

It's a ship, that is flown
By that Indiana Jones
And the Falcon goes flying along

(RIDE OF THE VALKYRIES)

He is Darth Vader
He's a Jedi hater
He dies much later
In episode six

(ON TOP OF OLD SMOKEY)

Obi-Wan Kenobi, all covered in brown
He may cut your arm off, if you screw around

(LA BAMBA)

Ba-da-la-da-da-la Boba
He's the bounty hunter after Han
Under that armor, he's got nothing on

(POP GOES THE WEASEL)

I love the Star Wars movies, a trio without equal
And now it's time for Episode One, pop goes the prequel

(LA CUCARACHA)

The Phantom Menace, The Phantom Menace
Who're ya gonna see it with?
Share a Cola with Sebulba
Or have some popcorn with the Sith

(JINGLE BELLS)

Jar Jar Binks, Jar Jar Binks
His floppy ears are giant
They rendered 'im, with a Pentium
Let's hope he's Y2K compliant

(CAMPTOWN RACES)

Watch pod races in the heat, ka-boom, ka-boom
Anakin needs a booster seat, oh the Tatooine day

(SHE'LL BE COMIN' ROUND THE MOUNTAIN)

They'll be flyin' round Naboo when they come
They'll be fightin' battle droids of the Federation
Hey those light sabres, sound just like electric razors
They'll be flyin' 'round Naboo when they--

(COME ALL YE FAITHFUL)

Come all ye forceful
To the THX theatre

(HALLELUJAH)

Queen Amidala
Amidala, Amidala
She's a hot tamale
Natalie, marry me!

(HAVA NAGILA)

The saga, starts with Obi-
Wan Kenobi, and Qui Gon-Jinn

Those guys, were Jedis
With light sabres, and hair extensions

Anakin's a little boy
But someday, he will destroy
The Jedi knights, in galactic fights
With ships and battle droids

He knew, R2-
D2 on Naboo

Luke and Leia, Ben and Yoda
Jabba, Chewie, Han and Boba
Ewoks, Jawas, and the Gungans
And that guy from Pulp Fiction

Ships attacking, creatures biting
and Darth Maul was Kung Fu fighting
Good and Evil, Fate and Mystery
And the coolest toys in retail history
Episode One...
Shut up, the movie has begun

(SHAVE AND A HAIRCUT)

That's The Phantom Medley
The End

JEANNIE'S DINER

by Mark Jonathan Davis featuring Marilyn Whitelaw

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(parody of "Tom's Diner" by Suzanne Vega)

Released: December 5, 1990

I am sitting on the sofa
There's a TV in the corner
I am watching Major Nelson
He is played by Larry Hagman
(Jeannie!)

And he found a little bottle
And out popped Barbara Eden
But she couldn't show her belly button
All she did was blink

Tony Nelson works at NASA
With suspicious Dr. Bellows
And there's also Roger Healy
Who would become Howard Borden
(Jeannie!)

And Jeannie always means well
But they get in wacky trouble
She folds her arms and blinks her eyes
It's kind of like Bewitched
(Jeannie! Jeannie!)

Oh the reruns will continue on the TV
As I'm watching
The pink smoke of her bottle
I am dreaming of Jeannie
(Jeannie!)
(Jeannie!)
(Jeannie!)

I am sitting on the sofa
there's a TV in the corner
I am watching Major Nelson
He is played by Larry Hagman

~~And he found a little bottle~~ ~~No this isn't Dallas~~
~~And out popped Barbara Eden~~ ~~It's I dream of~~
He found a little bottle and
~~And Barbara Eden popped out~~

And he found a little bottle
And out popped Barbara Eden
But she couldn't show her belly button
All she did was blink <blinksex>

da da da
(drop)

Tony Nelson works at NASA
With suspicious Dr. Bellows
And there's also Roger Healy
Who'd become Harold Gordon

And Jennie always means well
But ~~she~~ she'd get them in waddy trouble
She crossed her arms and blinked her eyes
It's kind of life heurched

Oh this show it will continue
Through screens as I'm ~~watching~~ watching
The pink smoke of her bottle
I am dream of Jennie

WICKED GAME SHOW

by Mark Jonathan Davis

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(parody of "Wicked Game" by Chris Isaak)

Guitar Solo by Sean Grimes

Backup vocals by Marilyn Whitelaw, Sean Grimes, MJD

Released: February 11, 1991

My brain was on fire
And no one could give me a clue
Score got no higher
What's a contestant to do

I never dreamed that I'd meet Alex Trebek
I never dreamed that I'd be so incorrect

No I can't win on Jeopardy
(This game is only gonna make you look dumb)
No I can't win on Jeopardy
(This game is only gonna make you look dumb)
Could you?

What a wicked theme you hum
To make me feel so dumb
What a wicked category
When you pick Potpourri
What a wicked thing I said
You must think I'm stupid
What a wicked Daily Double
Alex, I'm in trouble

No I can't win on Jeopardy
(This game is only gonna make you look dumb)
No I can't win on Jeopardy
(This game is only gonna make you look dumb)

Nobody knows everything

2 xpe
ispect
speck
infect
check
deal
week
heal
insect
tech
neck
peel
reject
direct

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Wick

WICKED GAME SHOW

V1
V1
-05

Brain was on fire, ~~no one~~ ~~could~~ no one ~~could~~ give me a die
Strange game contestants — make foolish wagers, ~~then~~ too
~~Score~~ ↓ Score got no higher

What is
response
the answer
question
of the
board
daily double = 15
category

I never dreamed that I'd meet Alex Trebek
And I never dreamed that I'd be so incorrect <no, it's sarcasm>

No I can't win on Jeopardy
No I can't win on Jeopardy (this game is only gonna make you look dumb)
(this game's why break your heart)
(could you)

V2

What a wicked game you host ~~that~~
To make me feel dumb as a post way
What a wicked category ~~do~~
to ~~pick~~ ~~with~~ Potpourri ~~to get~~ you

Kill me

What a wicked thing I said ~~that~~ ~~you~~ thing I said
~~potpourri for 2 hundred~~ ~~Johnny O, I'm in trouble~~ Potpourri for 200

From Jeopardy

What a wicked Alex Trebek ~~do~~ daily double
~~he said I was in trouble~~ you Alex I'm in trouble!

2:06

And I can't win on Jeopardy
No I _____

<Solo> two measures concentration theme music

repeat first used phrases

what a wicked theme you hum
To make me feel so dumb

No I _____ over second measure

Nobody knows everything

THE BOB NEWHART SHOW THEME

by Mark Jonathan Davis

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(TV promo for Nick At Nite)

Released: February 12, 1995

Bob Newhart
Bob Newhart
Bob Newhart
Bob...Newhart

Bob Newhart
Bob Newhart
Bob Newhart
Bob Newhart
Bob Newhart
Bob Newhart
Bob Newhart
Bob Newhart
Bob Newhart
Bob Newhart
Bob Newhart
Bob Newhart

Bob Newhart
Bob Newhart
Bob Newhart
Bob Newhart
Here on Nick At Nite

ROCK ME JERRY LEWIS

by Mike Elliott & Bud Latour featuring Mark Jonathan Davis

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(parody of "Rock Me Amadeus" by Falco)

Written by Mike Elliott, Bud Latour, Mark Jonathan Davis

Produced by Mike Elliott, Bud Latour

Released: February 18, 1986

Rock Me Jerry Lewis

Jerry Lewis

Jerry Lewis

(repeats)

Jerry Lewis, Jerry Lewis, Jerry Lewis, Jerry Lewis

(repeats)

Oooh Rock Me Jerry Lewis!

Oooh Rock Me Jerry Lewis!

Oooh Rock Me Jerry Lewis!

Oooh!

L-L-L-L-Lady

L-L-L-L-Lady

Tel-tel-tel-telethon

Tel-tel-tel-telethon

1926, New Jersey, March 16th, Jerry Lewis is born in Newark

1946, at the age of 20, Jerry Lewis meets Dean Martin for the first time

1949, Martin & Lewis star in their first film, "My Friend Irma"

1956, Martin & Lewis release "Hollywood Or Bust," then split up

1963, on his own, Lewis stars in "The Nutty Professor"

1973, Lewis chooses Las Vegas as the home for the MDA telethons

Labor Day, three years later, Frank Sinatra reunites

Martin & Lewis live on the telethon

In 1986, for no apparent reason, Mike Elliott & Bud Latour record

Rock Me Jerry Lewis

Rock Rock Rock Me Jerry Lewis, Jerry

Ooh ooh, ooh

Jerry Lewis, Jerry Lewis, Jerry Lewis, Jerry Lewis

Whoa whoa whoa!

Jerry Lewis, Jerry Lewis, Jerry Lewis, Jerry Lewis

“Oooh! I’m sorry Mr. Element, uh, Mr. Elliott,

And Bud. Oooh!

Uh, I want my, I want my, I want my...”

Oooh Rock Me Jerry Lewis!

Oooh Rock Me Jerry Lewis!

Oooh Rock Me Jerry Lewis!

Oooh Oooh!