

THE WAY WE CLASSIFY

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Monera – are just a little bit weird, can't you tell
With no nucleus or membrane – bound organelles
They're the only unicellular prokaryotes
And when it comes to bacteria, we've got a lot
Monera, monera

Protista – without a microscope you just can't see
But, they're swimmin' around in the lakes, rivers, ponds, and streams
They may be covered in cilia, a flagellum or two
But, if you're swimmin' in a lake they're probably covering you
Protista, Protista

Chorus:

Kingdom, Phylum, Class, Order, Family, Genus, Species
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This is the way we classify.

The fungi are really not much fun at all,
Unless you like ringworm, the mushrooms, and puff balls
Without this kingdom that we love to hate
There would be too much waste to eliminate
The fungi, the fungi
The Plantae are really taking over this place
But, if we don't watch out their diversity we'll erase
If you look around you can still see a lot
But, we're turning this world into a parking lot
The Plantae, the Plantae

(Chorus)

Animalia, It's the kingdom of you and me
It's the one we share with the snakes and the chimpanzees
We're all multicellular heterotrophs
And when it comes to intelligence, we've got the most
Animalia, Animalia

(Chorus)

