SHOW MUST GO ON OPENING

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You out there you patrons of the drammer
You out there in love with the glamour - of the stage
Do you know what went on with the theatre's leading light
Before her plays became the rage
Do you know how she slaves - that second from the right
To keep producers from guessing her age
How far we drain the bitter cup
Before the curtain goes up
You don't know, most likely don't care
But we've got you, so we'll tell you
After all, what the Hell, you weren't planning to go anywhere
You see the show must go on
Yes the show must go on
Don't know why, but do or die, it must go on
Tho' the market's having rabies and your wife is having babies
Still you know that the show must go on.

You must
Study, Study, Study, Study
First you gotta learn to walk
A E I O A E I O
You are learning how to talk
Heel and toe and heel and toe
Astaire can't be the only one
Mi fa doe re mi fa doe
No time for any fun
Keep on working never shirking
Round the corner may be lurking
Your big chance to advance
So when other stars all fade out
You'd be ready to parade out
And the show will go on.

Worry, worry, worry, worry
Will you never get a break
Scurry, scurry, scurry, scurry
Seeing Milton, Lee and Jake
Get an agent, get an agent
Very necessary gent
Got no standing, got no standing
Till you pay out ten percent
Finally you've got it
Tho' it may not be so bad, it is a part
It's your start
Tho' your throat is like a grater
This, my dear, is the theatre
You can't the show must go on
In the hot light of the spotlight
Here you are success at last
How you worry, worry, worry
Future must be good as past
Got to fly out, do a try out
Local critics hold their nose
Cross your fingers, hope still lingers
Atkinson liked lousier shows
We love it and we hate it
But there's no time to debate it
For the show must go on

Our time's nearly gone
Here it is, hit or fizz, it must go on
Tho' we'd rather be in swimming
When the spotlights start in dimming
We must go
We won't tarry more
'Cause we know
Same as Barrymore
That the show mustn't blow - it must go on.