

## Jeff Wayne "Brave New World"

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We're gonna build  
A whole new world for ourselves  
Look, they clap eyes on us  
And we're dead, right?  
So we gotta make a new life  
Where they'll never find us  
You know where? Underground

You should see it down there  
Hundreds of miles of drains sweet  
And clean now after the rain  
Dark, quiet, safe

We can build houses and everything  
And what's so bad  
About living underground, eh?  
It's not been so great living up here  
If you want my opinion

Take a look around you  
At the world we've come to know  
Does it seem to be much more  
Than a crazy circus show?

But maybe from the madness  
Something beautiful will grow

In a brave new world  
With just a handful of men  
We'll start, we'll start all over again  
All over again, all over again  
All over again

We'll build shops  
And hospitals and barracks  
Right under their noses  
Right under their feet  
Everything we need  
Banks, prisons and schools

We'll send scouting parties  
To collect books and stuff

And men like you'll teach the kids  
Not poems and rubbish, science  
So we can get everything working

We'll build villages and towns and  
And we'll play each other at cricket  
Listen, maybe one day we'll capture  
A Fighting Machine, eh?

Learn how to make 'em ourselves  
And then wallop  
Our turn to do some wiping out  
Whoosh with our Heat Ray, whoosh

And them running and dying  
Beaten at their own game  
Man on top again

Now our domination  
Of the Earth is fading fast  
And out of the confusion  
The chance has come at last  
To build a better future  
From the ashes of the past

In a brave new world  
With just a handful of men  
We'll start all over again

Look, man is born in freedom  
But he soon becomes a slave  
In cages of convention  
From the cradle to the grave  
The weak fall by the wayside  
But the strong will be saved

In a brave new world  
With just a handful of men  
We'll start all over again  
I'm not trying to tell you what to be  
Oh no, oh no, not me  
But if mankind is to survive  
The people left alive

They're gonna have  
To build this world anew  
And it's going to have  
To start with me and you, yes

I'm not trying to tell you what to be  
Oh no, oh no, not me

But if mankind is to survive  
The people left alive

They're gonna have  
To build this world anew  
Yes and we will have  
To be the chosen few

Just think of all the poverty  
The hatred and the lies  
And imagine the destruction  
Of all that you despise  
Slowly from the ashes  
The phoenix will arise

In a brave new world  
With just a handful of men  
We'll start all over again

Take a look around you  
At the world you've loved so well  
And bid the aging empire  
Of man a last farewell  
It may not sound like Heaven  
But at least it isn't Hell

It's a brave new world  
With just a handful of men  
We'll start, we'll start all over again  
All over again, all over again  
All over again

I've got a plan, can't you just see it?  
Civilization starting all over again  
A second chance

We'll even build a railway  
And tunnel to the coast  
Go there for our holidays  
Nothing can stop men like us  
I've made a start already  
Come on down here and have a look

In the cellar was a tunnel  
Scarcely ten yards long  
That had taken him a week to dig  
I could have dug that much in a day  
And I suddenly had my first inkling  
Of the gulf between his dreams  
And his powers

It's doing the workin' and the thinkin'  
That wears a feller out  
I'm ready for a bit of a rest  
How about a drink, eh?  
Nothing but champagne  
Now I'm the boss

We drank and then he insisted  
Upon playing cards  
With our species  
On the edge of extermination  
With no prospect but a horrible death  
We actually played games.

Later he talked more of his plan  
But I saw flames flashing  
In the deep blue night  
Red Weed glowing  
Tripod figures moving distantly

And I put down my champagne glass  
I felt like a traitor to my kind  
And I knew I must leave  
This strange dreamer

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