

Manhattan Transfer, The

"Four Brothers"

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(Jimmy Giuffre & Jon Hendricks)

Take a seat and cool it 'cause unless you overrule it
We are ready to show you some blowin'
A rompin' and a stompin' is a lot of fun
Four brothers who are blowin' our horns

So settle down an' listen 'cause you don't know what
you're missin'
And we're ready to give you a showin'
A movin' it 'n groovin' it has just begun
Four brothers who are blowin' our horns

We got a little message that you're gonna enjoy
Ain't no sense in dodgin' the facts
So settle in your easy chair an' if you ever had a care -
forget it,
It's time to relax

We might as well admit it, we're the best that ever did it
But in case you ain't too sure a knowin'
We're gonna let you listen to us one by one
Four brothers who are blowin' our horns

[Janis:]

How'd ya do, I'm talkin' about you
It's very nice to know that you have really taken time to
listen to me blow
'Cause as sure as I'm born, I'm blowin' my horn
It's me baby, I'm blowin', zootin' it up
And I hope you dig the sounds I'm makin' more'n any
other
Now I must go for it's time for you to listen to my other
brother

[Tim:]

I think the chick's talkin' 'bout me so I'd better go 'n see
I'm hip that she knows a horn is very best to greet you
That's the reason I'm blowin' so snappily
I don't know what ya got, but it thrills me an' I hope to
have a lot
'Cause it puts me in clover

So baby, if you would like to dig my other brother
You're gonna have to turn the record over

[Alan:]

Hey hey hey
Who ya talkin' about, say who ya talkin' about
Did I hear you say you'd introduce your other brother
'Cause in case I heard you talkin' about three, that's me
Pleased to meet you, how'd you do, how are you,
nothing new,
How is everything with you?
Whattya say I leave this jazz up to my brother --

[Cheryl:]

Dig dig dig my Long Island sound
I hope you're puttin' it down
You got me in a mood that's so romantic
If you notice you can dig this silly old act
Because I'm actin' so distracted when I dig you
Pretty baby you will never know how much I really dig
you
You have got me so excited that I goofed blowin' my
horn

[All:]

Ooh bop the news is gettin' around, we're really puttin'
it down
We're glad of fact that you enjoy it and we wish we had
the time to give you more
Thank you for the compliment
You told us we were better just as if we didn't know it
We're hip that we're the best, we're over all the rest
We're in the modern school, we always play it cool, we
never play the fool
The honkers and the squeakers might be stealin' the
show
But we don't go for that, so while we blow

[Band Member:]

Hi-ho, lackadaise, for it's a natural fact
I ain't no kin, but I would like to get in the act!

[All:]

Well get outta here, get outta here, get outta here
Now fellas we appreciate him makin you mad,
But we must ask you to apologize
Because after all he's in our band

Four brothers, four brothers, four brothers
Although we sound like more
Four brothers, four brothers, four brothers

We're really only four

We like to blow but we don't know how time can fly and
how our cares pass away
We wish the time would never go so we could take our
time an' blow 'til judgement day

Four brothers, four brothers, four brothers
Now just one final word:

[Janis:] I'd like to know you and I hope I don't forget you
[Tim:] It's really a pleasure and I hope I don't look silly
to you
[Alan:] I'm hopin' the story that I told did not upset you
[Cheryl:] Sorry now in conclusion were you hoping that
you heard four

[All:]
So just before we go we want you to know
We're glad you let us show you how we always end up
with that jazz
(We don't call for back up on the road)
Oh - ohhh!!!!

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