

Play Script . . .

Song 1 : Planet Plenty

(Big sign saying 'Planet Plenty' put up on the stage.)

Narrator 1 Let us tell you about Planet Plenty. It is a small planet; the Plentarian spaceships can whizz round it in an afternoon. They think they have everything here! They live in the most up to date plastic houses, which they create in big factories on the other side of the planet. They all have swimming pools in their gardens.

Narrator 2 Everyone has their own spaceship, which the children learn to drive at the age of 8. Their favourite way of spending time is to go shopping. They like to always have new things, so when they're fed up with their old ones they throw them away, and the breeze carries them to the big rubbish site near the factories.

Narrator 3 Their glorious King, Percy Plenty rules over them, with his exquisite Queen, Penelope Plenty. Their motto is 'Live for Today', and they say 'why shouldn't we, when everything here is so perfect?' But is it?

(Enter King with his courtiers, with towels around shoulders, after having been swimming, whistling the Planet Plenty song.)

King Well, I've said it before, and I'll say it again - we are the luckiest people in the galaxy. Did you know, I've heard that on some planets not everyone has their own swimming pool?

(Gasps from courtiers and chorus)

I know!

(Looks around)

Hang on a minute - there's something not right here! There are two things not right here!

(Further gasps from courtiers and chorus)

King The sun is so strong that it's making my eyes hurt through my shades! And look at my lawn - it's not green any more, it's going brown! What is going on?

(Confusion from courtiers and chorus - hold horrified pose)

Narrator 4 And it was true. The day had been so hot that the court had all been sunburnt, and the lawn had started to dry up. So the King sent for the obvious person to help in this crisis - the Royal Weather Girl.

Royal Weather Girl (RWG) *(Simpering and gesticulating at a map which shows large suns all over the planet.)*

Good morning! Your Majesty, if we take a look at the map, we can see that weather-wise we're going to have an absolutely glorious day today. Then there'll be a mild start to the day tomorrow, and it won't cloud over a little later. Nor will there be even the odd spot of rain. In fact, for most of us it will be an absolutely glorious day again tomorrow! Through the evening it will remain hot, and you need to apply your sunscreen, as the UV levels are going to remain high. If we're to take a look at our long range forecasts, we will see that it will stay scorching next week, next month and next year!

King So are you saying the weather's getting hotter?

RWG Well, Your Majesty, here's a summary. Yes. The weather's getting hotter.

King How has this happened? Why is our weather changing?

RWG Well, it's funny you should ask, but I've just been watching Good Morning Planet Plenty, and they were saying that something called Global Warming has started, and it seems to be particularly bad on our planet.

(Gasps of horror)

King Why? What does that mean?

RWG Nobody really knows, but it looks like all the weather's going to change, 'cos everything's getting hotter.

Song 2 : The Heat is On

(Exit King and courtiers, shaking heads. Enter Queen and her courtiers.)

Queen I do love our Friday picnics. Do you?

All (bowing) Yes, Your Majesty.

Queen They were a very good idea of mine, don't you think?

All (bowing) Yes, Your Majesty.

Queen I like to sit under the trees and look at my lovely pink plastic palace, and be pleased that I am the best Queen of the best planet there is.

All (bowing) Yes, Your Majesty.

(Queen looks around her imperiously)

Queen But today there's something wrong!

(Worried noises from courtiers and chorus)

What's happened to the trees? Where have all the leaves gone?
Why do they look such a funny colour? What's going on?

(Confusion from courtiers and chorus - hold another horrified pose)

Narrator 5 And it was true. Instead of being a healthy green, the trees looked dark and diseased. The leaves had fallen to the ground, and no new ones were growing. Instead of giving shade, their branches were stark and bare against the sky. So the Queen sent for the obvious person to help in this sort of crisis, the Royal Gardener.

(Enter Royal Gardener, in wellies and TV gardener outfit.)

Royal Gardener Your Majesty, I'm afraid that there is nothing much I can do to help you. Even a new water feature won't make much difference. I could paint the trees blue if you wanted?

Queen Don't be ridiculous! I want to know what has happened! What has made our lovely trees look like this? Have they got a disease?

*Royal Gardener produces oversized copy of the InterGalactic Express newspaper, with large headline saying **Acid Rain Kills Trees** - (opposing back page refers to local football team winning InterGalactic Cup)*

Royal Gardener I'm afraid they have, Your Majesty. In the paper, it says that the rain has turned acid, and it is killing all the trees.

(Cries of dismay from courtiers)

Nobody knows what is making it happen, but it seems to be particularly bad here on Planet Plenty.

All No! This can't be true!

Song 3 : Acid Rain Blues

Exit Queen and her courtiers. As narrator speaks, group of citizens and animals enter. Humans take one side of the stage - animals the others. Freeze in talking pose.

Narrator 6 In the market place, the citizens, led by the Mayor, are having a meeting with the animals, led by the Lion. Animals can talk on Planet Plenty, but there isn't as much talking going on as there used to be, because there aren't as many animals as there used to be . . .

Mayor Thank you, our animal friends, for coming to talk with us. We have noticed that we don't see you as often as we used to. Where are the rest of you? Why don't you come into our gardens and parks as you did in the past?

Lion Because this is all there are of us. There are no more animals on Planet Plenty.

Mayor Where have they gone? Surely they're not . . .

Lion The water isn't good to drink any more, and the food tastes bad. The air isn't clean, and we aren't as strong as you. You must be careful.

Mayor What do you mean?

Lion Soon you will be the only ones left. Although we were here first, you will be the last. Help us, before it is too late.

Planet Plenty

Upbeat pop ♩ = 126

C G/B Bm⁷ D/A D⁹ Am/C G

Voice 1

Piano

f

On Plan-et

5 G/B Cm/E^b C

Voice 1

Pno.

mf

Plen - ty our mot-to is 'Live for to - day'

9 Am Am⁷/E A^b A^b/E^b G G/D

Voice 1

Pno.

Drive a - round in our sup - er space ships, and why mend things if you can

12 D⁷ D⁷/F[#] D⁷/A G

Voice 1

Pno.

throw them a - way? On Plan-et Plen - ty hav - ing fun

15 Cm C Am⁷/G Am Am/E

Voice 1

Pno.

is the on - ly way. Eve - ry-one's got swim - ming pools,

19 C Am⁷/G G G/D C Am⁷/G D⁷

Voice 1
op - en fires and hot tubs too, No one goes with out on Plan-et_ Plen

Pno.

23 C C/E G/B G/D Am Am/C G

Voice 1
- ty. On Plan-et

Pno.

27 G/B Cm/E^b C

Voice 1
Plen - ty we can do just as we please.

Pno.

31 Am Am⁷/E A^b A^b/E^b G G/D

Voice 1
stay up late_ hav - ing nois - y par - ties, and let our rub - bish blow a -

Pno.

34 D⁷ D⁷/F[#] D⁷/A G

Voice 1
way in the breeze. On Plan-et Plen - ty our gar - dens are

Pno.

37 Cm C Am⁷/G Am Am/E

Voice 1
free from all dis - ease. Sprink - lers on through day and night.

Pno.

41 C Am⁷/G G G/D C Am⁷/G D⁷

Voice 1
Fer - ti - lers and pest - i - cides. No ins - ects in sight on Plan - et. Plen

Pno.

45 C C/E G/B G/D Am G

Voice 1
- ty! We've got a

Pno.

49 C G/B D⁷ G/D G

Voice 1
king. And he gives us i deas_ on - ly a king can bring. Brains aren't his

Voice 2
And he gives us i - deas_ on - ly a king can bring. Brains aren't his

Pno.

53 C G/B C G/B

Voice 1
thing. But he shows us how_ to drive space ships fast - er and

Voice 2
thing. But he shows us how_ to drive space ships fast - er and

Pno.

57 D D7 G7 C

Voice 1
how to tar - mac the park. And we keep our lights on all

Voice 2
how to tar - mac the park. And we keep our lights on all

Pno.

60 G/B Am13 Am D7 C G/B

Voice 1
night, cos he's scared of the dark. We've got a Queen.

Voice 2
night, cos he's scared of the dark. We've got a Queen.

Pno.

64 D7 G/D G

Voice 1
And she's the love-li-est Queen that you have e - ver seen, She's rea lly

Voice 2
And she's the love-li-est Queen that you have e - ver seen, She's rea lly

Pno.

67 C G/B G/B C G/B

Voice 1
 keen on the lat - est gadg - ets, a plas - tic pal - ace, and

Voice 2
 keen on the lat - est gadg - ets, a plas - tic pal - ace, and

Pno.

71 D D7 G G7 C G/B

Voice 1
 all her time_ in the shops. And we keep our heat-ing on full as she likes to be

Voice 2
 all her time_ in the shops. And we keep our heat-ing on full as she likes to be

Pno.

75 Am Am7 D7 C

Voice 1
 hot. On Plan et_ Plen - ty.

Voice 2
 hot. On Plan et_ Plen

Pno.

78 G/B Am7 D G C C13

Voice 1
 On Plan et_ Plen - ty. Plen - ty.

Voice 2
 - ty. Plen - ty.

Pno.

82 G/B Am D² D⁷ G G²/A C C¹³

Voice 1

Pno.

86 B^b Am D⁷ D G G/B

Voice 1

Voice 2

Pno.

On Plan-et Plen - ty

we're talk-ing bout our

mf

90 Cm/E^b C Am Am⁷/E

Voice 1

Voice 2

Pno.

we can do just as we please. stay up late hav - ing

plan-et, here. we can do as we please we like to stay up

94 A^b A^b/E^b G G/D D⁷ D⁷/F[#] D⁷/A

Voice 1

Voice 2

Pno.

nois - y par - ties, and let our rub - bish blow a - way in the breeze. On Plan-et

late. we like to make a noise ourrub-bish blows a - way in the breeze.

97 G Cm C

Voice 1
Plen - ty our gar - dens are free from all dis -

Voice 2
we're talk - ing bout our planet, here. we are

Pno.

100 Am7/G Am Am/E C Am7/G

Voice 1
ease. Sprink - lers on through day and night. Fer - ti - li - sers and

Voice 2
free from dis - ease Sprink - lers on day and night Fer - til - i - sers

Pno.

104 G G/D C Am7/G D7

Voice 1
pest - i - cides. No ins ects_ in sight on Plan - et_ Plen

Voice 2
pest - i - cides no in - sects_ in sight

Pno.

107 C C/E G/B G/D Am

Voice 1
- ty. On Plan et_ Plen - ty. Plen - ty!

Voice 2
On Plan et_ Plen - ty. Plen - ty!

Pno.

Lyrics . . .

Planet Plenty

On Planet Plenty our motto is 'live for today'.
Drive around in our super spaceships and why mend things if you can throw
them away?

On Planet Plenty having fun is the only way.
Everyone's got swimming pools, open fires and hot tubs too.
No-one goes without on Planet Plenty!

On Planet Plenty we can do just as we please.
Stay up late having noisy parties, let our rubbish blow away in the breeze.
On Planet Plenty, our gardens are free from all disease.
Sprinklers on through day and night, fertilisers and pesticides,
No insects in sight on Planet Plenty!

We've got a King. And he gives us ideas only a king can bring.
Brains aren't his thing,
But he shows us how to drive spaceships faster, and how to tarmac the park.
And we keep the lights on all night, 'cos he's scared of the dark.
We've got a Queen. And she's the loveliest queen that you have ever seen.
She's really keen on the latest gadgets, her plastic palace, and all her time in
the shops.
And we keep the heating on full 'cos she likes to be hot, on Planet Plenty.

Repeat second verse.