EIGHT DAYS A YEAR

BEATLE PARODIES FOR CHANUKAH

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1) EIGHT DAYS A YEAR (EIGHT DAYS A WEEK)

Oo I need your latkas, guess you know it’s true
But all I got were chachkes, so that’s what I’ll give you
Latkas frying - presents buying
It’s what we do each Winter, eight days a year

Eight days a year - we clean out our menorahs
Eight days a year - we sing of Judah Maccabee

We’re lighting the menorah, each and every Jew
We’re learning from the Torah, the things we have to do
Candles burning - we’re all learning
It’s what we do each Winter, eight days a year

Eight days a year - we clean out our menorahs
Eight days a year - if only they would cancel school!

Each night we get presents, and have a lot of fun
Eight lights makes much more sense, than only having one
Dreidles spinning - I’ll be winning
It’s what we do each Winter, eight days a year

4) THEY SPIN ME (SHE LOVES YOU, YEAH YEAH YEAH)

They spin me yeah, yeah, yeah (3)
You say you lost your gelt, well you had it yesterday
Quick, before it melts, roll a gimel or a hay

You know they spin me and I really can’t get mad
You know they spin me if you lose then I’ll be sad

So you really shouldn’t care if you lost or if you won
Use nuts or chocolate gelt
You can eat them when you’re done!

You know they spin me...

They spin me yeah, yeah, yeah (2)
When the spinning stops, believe you me, I’m glad (3)

5) THE TOWN OF MODI’IN (YELLOW SUBMARINE)

In the town of Modi’in, lived an ancient clan of Hasidim
Mattathias was the dad, his son Judah was quite a lad!

We all lived in the town of Modi’in
The town of Modi’in, the town of Modi’in

When the Greeks came into town
They put their idols up all around
When the Jews were asked to bow,
Mattathias said, we don’t kow-tow!

We all lived in the town of Modi’in...

Mattathias had to flee, fought Antiochus to make us free
With the loyal Maccabees, Judah led them all to victory!
3) HEY JEWS (Hey Jude)

Hey Jews, you can’t refuse,
Light one candle then light another
Remember to have a very good time
With thanks to Judah and his brothers

Hey Jews, don’t be afraid
We’ve been taught to bow down never
How clever to always give it your best
And never rest, till our world is better

And anytime you’re feeling low, hey Jews you know
The bad guys won’t win, cause they’re so hateful
So light a candle - make some noise, all girls and boys
Recall and retell the wondrous story (na na na na...)

Hey Jews, let’s all be brave,
Count our blessings and thank our heroes
Remember to never hide who you are
Then you can start to make life better (better, better..etc)
Na, na, na, na na na na, na na na na, Hey Jews

2) LOVELY LATKAS WE HAVE MADE (Lovely Rita)

Lovely latkas we have made (4)

Lovely latkas we have made
My stomach can’t come between us
When Chanukah comes I live with Tums all day

When you host a latka dinner, everybody leaves a winner
Trying variations from a recipe book
Piping hot, or slightly colder, jalapeno makes them bolder
Nothing beats a latka coming out of the pan! (chorus)

We lit the candles, cleared the tables
Bet the gelt and spun our dreidles
Singing out of pitch, all the Chanukah songs
Forgot to keep the windows vented
Now the house is latka scented
Cleaning up the kitchen with a bucket or two!

Lovely latkas we have made, why are you so appealing
Add sour cream and let me dream of you!
Lovely latkas we have made (4)