

# **1. Prelude**

## **(Dance of the Tyrant Pharaoh)**

## Song 2: The Crocodile Pharaoh

**(Soothsayer )** Four thousand years ago in a desert land  
Irrigated by the river Nile.

A Pharaoh ruled Egypt with a rod of iron,  
The people all considered him vile.

*(4 bar instrumental)*

**(ALL faster)** Four thousand years ago in a desert land  
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A Pharaoh ruled Egypt with a rod of iron,  
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**(All on stage)** Pharaohs are all powerful, treated like gods  
In return they should be thoughtful and wise.  
This king was just arrogant, greedy and cruel  
No wonder he was thoroughly despised. **(Pharaoh exits stage)**

The slaves and the people sang:

***(All)** We're waiting for the Crocodile Pharaoh  
A legend oh so old.  
We're waiting for the Crocodile Pharaoh  
The prophecy foretold...*

**(All)** The Crocodile Pharaoh will soon be here  
**(Drunk)** The Crocodile Pharaoh will bring me beer  
**(Slaves 1, 2 & 3)** The Crocodile Pharaoh will set us free  
**(Old person)** The Crocodile Pharaoh will fix my knee  
**(Miser)** The Crocodile Pharaoh will bring me gold  
**(Ill person)** The Crocodile Pharaoh will cure my cold  
**(Salesperson)** The Crocodile Pharaoh will help me sell  
**(All)** The Crocodile Pharaoh will rule us well!

Rule us well! Rule us well!

*We're waiting for the Crocodile Pharaoh  
A legend oh so old.  
We're waiting for the Crocodile Pharaoh  
THE PROPHECY FORETOLD!*

### 3. Death of the Pharaoh

**(Messenger)** Have you heard the latest news today?  
**(All)** What news? What news? I haven't heard the news!  
What news? What news? What news today?  
**(Messenger)** It doesn't seem possible that...  
**(All)** What you going on about? Tell me quick!  
This hesitant delivery is making me sick!

**(Messenger)** You might want to take a deep breath first  
**(All)** Take a moment. Gather. Prepare for the worst.  
**(Messenger)** What I'm 'bout to tell you will mess with your head!  
Don't say I didn't warn you...  
**(All)** THE PHARAOH IS DEAD!!

**SOLO 1 or Group 1 chorus and Drunk, Old person, Salesperson**  
Come on baby let the good times roll  
You know this news is so good for my soul.  
'Cos the Pharaoh, the Pharaoh is dead! Yeah!

**SOLO 2 or Group 2 chorus and Miser, Ill person, Soothsayer**  
Baby lost, the Pharaoh dead,  
What will happen now?  
We all suspect the Pharaoh's bro, killed them off somehow

**SOLO 3 or Group 3 chorus and Egyptians 1, 2 and 3**  
Have you heard the latest news?  
It will mess with your head.  
Don't say I didn't warn you the Pharaoh is dead.

**SOLO 4 or Group 4 chorus and Slaves 1, 2 and 3**  
We're waiting for the Crocodile Pharaoh  
A legend oh so old.  
We're waiting for the Crocodile Pharaoh  
The Prophecy foretold!

**ALL:** We're waiting for the Crocodile Pharaoh  
A legend oh so old.  
We're waiting for the Crocodile Pharaoh  
The Prophecy foretold!

THE PROPHECY FORETOLD!

## 4. Misunderstood

**(Bebnum)**

1. Does anyone understand me? Do they know me I wonder?  
Does anyone know the life I lead? The pressure that I'm under?  
'Cos even though no one else does cruelty like I can.  
Underneath this hard exterior, is a tender loving man.

CHORUS **(All)**

*So misunderstood, I'm sure deep down I'm not that bad.  
I had some people put to death, now they say that I'm half mad!  
And some misguided people criticised me for a while,  
But they found it hard to mock me...from inside a crocodile!*

**(All)**

2. Can I make the people love me? Make them see how great I am!  
I really can't find an answer, I'm really in a jam.  
I'll make them build a pyramid, work their fingers to the bone.  
It'll be the greatest ever, a place to call my own!

CHORUS

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ENDING

So misunderstoo-ood. So misunderstood. Yeah!  
I'll ask them all to help me, every person in the land  
I'm sure they'll gladly volunteer.  
Be happy to lend a hand!

## 5. The Perfect Mummy

1. Bring the body over here lets take a look  
First hook the brain out through the nose with a number seven hook  
A cut just on the left side, down there by the tummy  
Will bring you one step closer to your A1 Perfect Mummy!

### CHORUS

*The Perfect Mummy,  
Oh yeah! That's what I said.  
We've got this job all wrapped up,  
You're in safe hands when you're dead!*

2. Let's get inside the body, have a good rummage around  
We'd best make sure we've counted all the organs that we've found.  
Lungs, intestines, stomach, the liver can't be far  
Then dry and pack them neatly in the right canopic jar.

### CHORUS

3. Can anyone remember what to do in this next part?  
Rinse with wine and spices and then replace the heart.  
It looks so small and shrivelled, this Pharaoh could not love  
Let's return it to the body with a push and a shove.

### CHORUS

4. Cover the corpse with salt and wait for seventy days  
Stuff it full of linen, folded many ways.  
Wrap head to toe in bandages, it's really not that funny.  
Relax, admire a job well done, you've made the perfect mummy.

### CHORUS x2

## 6. Song of the Handmaiden

1. My life has been obedience and servitude  
To cater to his every mood, I know  
I served him well and I'll receive my just reward  
For loyalty to my gracious Lord Pharaoh.

*And I will gladly follow him always  
He has my years, my months, my weeks, my days.  
If his path to death is dark I'll keep it lit  
My life is his to use as he sees fit.*

### CHORUS

***My Pharaoh was my world  
I dreamt someday I'd be his wife.  
My Pharaoh take me with you  
To the glor-ious af-ter-life.***

2. When it's time to go I'll face my fear with bravery  
With dignity I'll hold my head up high.  
Into the tomb, to seal me in beside my Lord  
I promise I won't be afraid to die.

*And I will gladly follow him always  
He has my years, my months, my weeks, my days.  
If his path to death is dark I'll keep it lit  
My life is his to use as he sees fit.*

### CHORUS

***My Pharaoh was my world  
I dreamt someday I'd be his wife.  
My Pharaoh take me with you  
To the glorious afterlife. (repeat)***

## 7. Build it so High (Pyramid Song)

Keep on building, keep it rising to the sky  
To honour our new Pharaoh, gotta build it oh so high.  
Everyone must lend a hand, every man, woman, boy or girl  
The greatest pyramid so far, the tallest building in the world.

### CHORUS

*(group 1) Gotta build it so high! (group 2) Gotta build it oh so high!*  
*(group 1) Gotta build it so high! (group 2) Gotta build it oh so high!*  
*(group 1) Gotta build it so high! (group 2) Gotta build it oh so high!*  
*(ALL) GOTTA BUILD IT SO HIGH....SO HIGH!*

If you're tired and rundown  
Don't worry we have whips.  
We like to see you working hard  
No complaining, close those lips!  
Don't ask us for breaks though  
Holidays or a pension scheme.  
You've got a job for life here  
So let me hear you scream!

### CHORUS

### REPRISE

*We're waiting for the Crocodile Pharaoh  
A legend oh so old.  
We're waiting for the Crocodile Pharaoh  
The prophecy foretold!*

### CHORUS

## 8. Life of a Beggar

I never knew my parents  
They died when I was young  
No one needs another mouth to feed,  
It's hard when you don't belong.  
Sleeping in the gutter on the dusty streets  
I've got no place to stay.  
No one sees you, no one cares  
Walk past and look away.

### CHORUS

*I'm just a child a lonely boy  
Just want to find a home.  
The life of a beggar on Egyptian streets  
I feel I'm so alone.  
I'm just a child a lonely boy  
Please won't you take me home?  
Don't want to live like this no more  
I'm tired...so tired...of being alone.*

I guess it's my fate to die here  
On the streets where I was born.  
Nothing to eat and nothing to drink  
My clothes tattered and torn  
I sometimes dream of the Crocodile Pharaoh  
Coming to set us free.  
Why would anyone want to help  
A ragged wretch like me?

END CHORUS...then:

*I'm tired...so tired...of being alone.  
I'm tired...so tired...of being alone.  
I'm tired...so tired...of being alone.*

## 9. Crocodile!

2 bars intro:

**SPOKEN: Crocodile!!! Crocodile!!!!  
Look at that crocodile in the Nile!**

When you walk along the banks of the river  
Keep away from the side.  
A moonlit stroll might seem a good idea  
But in the dark they like to hide  
Don't put your foot on that floating log  
I have a feeling, have a hunch  
It might look harmless but watch your step  
He's sizing you up for lunch!

*(CROCODILES)*

**But we only want to eat...gotta do something to survive.  
Do you know how hard it is?...to keep reptiles of our size alive?  
Oh, oh, oh, oh! Oh, oh, oh, oh! oh, oh, oh oh, OH!**

*(ALL) Crocodile! (CROCS) Open up our jaws-see our gleaming teeth!  
(ALL) Crocodile!! (CROCS) Gonna snap them shut-pull you down beneath!  
(ALL) Crocodile!!! (CROCS) Don't try to swim away-admit it's a fair cop!  
(ALL) Crocodile!!!! (CROCS) It's time to say your prayers...*

*(The crocodiles close in on the children for the kill...)*

*(KING CROC)*

**WAIT A MINUTE...STOP!!**

*(1 bar pause)*

**I sense that something isn't right,  
A strange force stopping our attack.  
I sense the one the prophecy foretold  
With the power to hold us back!**

*(ALL)*

***The Crocodile Pharaoh...The Crocodile Pharaoh...The Crocodile Pharaoh's here!***

*(ALL) We were waiting for the Crocodile Pharaoh  
And In our hearts we knew.  
The Crocodile Pharaoh wouldn't let us down  
And the prophecy's come true!*

*During the last chorus the crocodiles lift up the boat and then lead them around the stage and then back to safety. The crocodiles move to the side of the stage. The children are centerstage and the **whole cast** (all except Bebnun and Menkhat) assemble in a semicircle around the back of the stage)*

## 10. Ancient Egypt!

Ancient Egypt is a marvellous place  
It's always sunny here for a start!  
We mummify our Pharaohs, wrap them up tight in cloth  
Then wonder where we last saw the heart!

*Come to Egypt, stay a while.  
Come and see the crocodiles swim in the Nile!  
Egypt is tremendous and we're confident when...  
You visit and you'll never want to go home again!*

Ancient Egypt is a marvellous place  
It's where a lot of culture began!  
With pyramids and sphinxes and there's no better spot  
For sunbathing to top up your tan!

*Come to Egypt, stay a while.  
Come and see the crocodiles swim in the Nile!  
Egypt is tremendous and we're confident when...  
You visit and you'll never want to go home again!*

***Egypt is tremendous! YEAH! YEAH!  
Egypt is amazing! YEAH! YEAH!  
Egypt is spectacular! YEAH! YEAH!  
Egypt is my favourite place!***

*Come to Egypt, stay a while.  
Come and see the crocodiles swim in the Nile!  
Egypt is tremendous and we're confident when...  
You visit and you'll never want to go home again!*

*CHORUS and BRIDGE together*

*then: YEAH!!*