

What, What Is...

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What, What is, what is this stuff made of...

Paper comes from trees, cut down, chopped up, minutely
Little chips are boiled and treated becoming pulp
dried and heated on a screen,
dried wood fiber rolled and given to the truck driver
brought to the factory cut and specialized then shipped to the stores for you and I
Used, when writing these words recycle, we all concur
because paper comes from trees fueled by the sun, soil and breeze
woody trunk, strong and straight renewable resource, plant and wait
wildlife inducer, oxygen producer, carbon dioxide reducer

Chorus

Plastic it comes from oil pumped from rocks deep beneath the soil
yes people must test, people must drill keep pushing pipe, until
they hit oil under pressure with valves and pumps they capture and measure
that oily ooze from between the rock guessed by tests of seismic shocks
Yes, plastic comes from oil it's heated and treated and brought to boil
it processed until the change occurs, yes changed into different polymers
chain like connections, the structure of plastic strong, stiff, soft or elastic
recycling symbol on the bottom of plastic bottles, yes, each one's got 'em

Chorus

Iron, copper, silver, platinum dig'em, smelt'em, roll'em, flatten'em
before you choose 'em, to use 'em, wait think, where do they originate
in the earth's crust they are stored in the form of metal ore
it looks like dirt but it contains bits of metal in tiny grains
the ore is heated the metal melted people say the ore is smelted
this makes metal, of course it's a nonrenewable resource
but everywhere, every day, tons of metal are thrown away
recycle aluminum, steel and tin if not before then now begin.

Chorus

To make glass on your own you need sand, soda and limestone
you mix them up then get them hot until a melted mixture is what you've got
yes molten glass can be formed of folded rolled out flat, blown or molded
blown into bottles, rolled into windows stop the rain or when the wind blows
all this but still you can see right through the glass, clearly
molten glass cools on liquid metal pools
this makes the surface smooth as the new window moves
into the market to be bought and sold used, recycled then the story's retold

Chorus