

# "EAT the RICH"

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and piano

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There was a time  
When the dream of every dreamer  
Was to be a millionaire

To have fast Italian sports cars  
Beach front property  
And silken underwear

But just like flesh  
Every dream fades away  
The sun rises from the dark  
To face a brand-new day  
Oh Lord I pray

Make me a billionaire  
Oh Lord, oh Lord I pray  
Make me a billionaire, oh lord  
Lord, oh Lord I pray

Nowadays any pauper from the ghetto  
Can go to Mexico in June  
But Lord, I want to sip coffee beans in Panama  
Then fly private to the moon

Make me a billionaire  
Oh Lord, oh Lord I pray  
Make me a billionaire, oh lord  
Lord, oh Lord I pray

I've been to Monte Carlo  
And played roulette in her bars  
Now I want to drink old-fashioned  
On an ancient beach on Mars

Look around my friends  
Let us not be naïve  
The writing is on the walls  
Let's not all be deceived

The leftist rabble hates us  
They lust to eat the rich  
They want to rip off our hair plugs  
And leave us in a shallow ditch

A few million bucks won't cut it  
A hundred billion will make us safe  
So next time the cavemen storm the gates  
We'll all be in outer space

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Oh Lord, oh Lord I pray  
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Solemnly (♩ = 80)

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*Sung as sincerely as possible*

*mp*

There was a time when the dream of ev'ry dream-er was to

*mp* 3

This system contains the first four measures of the piece. It features a vocal line in treble clef and a piano accompaniment in grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The piano part includes a triplet of eighth notes in the right hand.

5  
be a mil-lion - aire, to have fast I-tal-ian sports cars, beach front prop-er-ty and

3 3

This system contains measures 5 through 8. The vocal line continues with the lyrics. The piano accompaniment features a triplet of eighth notes in the right hand in measure 7.

9  
silk - en und - er - wear. But just like flesh, ev'-ry dream fades a-way. The sun ris-es from the dark to

*mf* 3

This system contains measures 9 through 13. The tempo and dynamics change to *mf*. The piano part includes a triplet of eighth notes in the right hand in measure 11.

14  
face a brand-new day. Oh Lord I pray: Make me a bil - lion -

*poco rit.* . . . . . *a tempo*  
*p dolce*

*p dolce*

This system contains measures 14 through 18. The tempo changes from *poco rit.* to *a tempo*. The dynamics are *p dolce*. The piano part includes a triplet of eighth notes in the right hand in measure 16.

20

aire, oh Lord, oh Lord I pray.

23

Make me a bil-lion-aire, oh Lord. Lord, oh Lord I pray.

27 **Uptempo folk** (♩ = 108)

*mf* Now-a-days, an-y paup-

30

- er from the ghet to can go to Mex-i-co in June, but Lord, I want to sip

34

cof-fee beans in Pa-na-ma then fly pri-vate to the moon. Make me a bil-lion-

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3

aire, oh Lord, oh Lord I pray. Make me a bil - lion -

42

aire, oh Lord. Lord, oh Lord I pray. Make me a bil - lion -

46

aire, oh Lord, oh Lord I pray. Make me a bil - lion -

50

aire, oh Lord. Lord, oh Lord I pray. I've

54

been to Mon - te Car - lo and played rou-lette in her bars. Now I want to drink old

59

fash - ioneds on an an - cient beach on Mars. Look a - round my friends. Let us

64

not be na - ive. The writ - ing is on the walls, let's not all be de -

69

ceived. Make me a bil - lion - aire, oh Lord, oh Lord I

73

pray. Make me a bil - lion - aire, oh Lord. Lord, oh Lord I

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ominously  
pray. The left - ist rab - ble hates us. They lust to eat the

81

5

rich. They want to rip off our hair plugs and leave us in a shal - low

85

*p* plaintively

ditch. A few mil - lion bucks won't cut it. A hun-dred bil-lion will make us

89

safe, so next time the cave - men storm the gates, we'll all\_ be in out - er

93

space. Make me a bil - lion - aire, oh

97

Lord, oh Lord I pray. Make me a bil - lion - aire, oh Lord.

This system contains measures 97-100. The vocal line features a melody with lyrics. The piano accompaniment consists of chords in the right hand and a rhythmic bass line in the left hand.

101

*ff*

Lord, oh Lord I pray. Make me a bil - lion - aire.

This system contains measures 101-104. The vocal line continues the melody. The piano accompaniment features a *ff* dynamic marking in the right hand.

105

Make me a bil - lion - aire. Make me a bil - lion - aire, oh Lord,

This system contains measures 105-108. The vocal line continues the melody. The piano accompaniment continues with chords and a bass line.

Slower *p* rit. *f*

109

Lord, oh Lord I pray. Lord, oh Lord, I pray, I pray.

This system contains measures 109-112. The vocal line concludes with a fermata. The piano accompaniment features a *sub. p* dynamic marking and ends with a *f* dynamic marking.