

## Elf's Lament

## Barenaked Ladies

I'm a man of reason, and they say "'Tis the season to be jolly"  
But it's folly when you volley for position

Never in existence has there been such a resistance  
To ideas meant to free us  
If you could see us, then you'd listen

Toiling through the ages, making toys on garnished wages  
There's no union  
We're only through when we outdo the competition

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There's a list for who's been  
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A full indentured servitude can reflect on one's attitude  
But that silly red hat just makes the fat man look outrageous

Absurd though it may seem, you know, I've heard there's even been illegal do  
ping  
And though we're coping, I just hope it's not contagious

You try to start a movement, and you think you see improvement  
But when thrown into the moment, we just don't seem so courageous

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You look at yourself  
You're an elf  
And the shelf is just filled with disappointing memories  
Trends come and go, and your friends wanna know why you aren't just happy ma  
king crappy little gizmos  
Every kid knows they'll just throw this stuff away

We're used to repetition, so we drew up a petition  
We, the undersigned, feel undermined  
Let's redefine "employment"

We know that we've got leverage, so we'll hand the fat man a beverage  
And sit back while we attack the utter lack of our enjoyment

It may be tough to swallow, but our threats are far from hollow  
He may thunder, but if he blunders, he may wonder where the toys went

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