

The Reptiles And I

Shriekback

Here we come in a line we have no axe to grind
Strong and most capable quite unmistakable
Doing everything all of the time
Big healthy appetites
The reptiles and I...

Speaking Hindi and Sinhalese, Spanish and Japanese
Afrikaans, Nepali, Faroese, Romany
Yiddish and English, Kurdish and Thai
All things to everyone
The reptiles and I...

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The parson, the inventor, the television presenter
The robber, the writer, the cop, the calligrapher
Studio tape-ops industrial spies
We know lots of people
The reptiles and I...

Chromium, radium, nickel, iridium,
Gold and actinium, arsenic, plutonium,
Neon, molybdenum, zinc, iodine
Braving the elements
The reptiles and I...

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The best kind of friend is like iron sharpening iron
From only its claw we may judge of the lion
Truth hurts but it stands I cannot tell a lie
That was our wisdom
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