

The Tempest

5. Barracuda

SONG

[Stephano]

*I'll be your royal sovereign, and rule across the land –
get married to Miranda and she will hold my hand.
Should anybody ask us how this has come to pass –
I would give the answer: it all comes down to class.*

*And I would be 'Your Majesty',
they call me the big barracuda.
We're living in a paradise as you can plainly see
here on the island of dreams.*

*I'd love to do my duty and wear the royal crown.
The soldiers will salute me, I'll look them up and down.
They know their royal sovereign is always in demand,
and every now and then they'll say 'Your wish is my command'.*

[Stephano, Trinculo and Caliban]

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They call me the big barracuda (bada-boom)
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CARRIE

Hello again. Carrie Grant here and you've just been listening to 'Barracuda'. 'Barracuda' is an easy song to learn - so after I sing each line in turn, you can come in singing straight away. Here we go...



- CARRIE *I'll be your royal sovereign, and rule across the land –*
And -
- ALL *I'll be your royal sovereign, and rule across the land –*
- CARRIE *get married to Miranda and she will hold my hand.*
And –
- ALL *get married to Miranda and she will hold my hand.*
- CARRIE *Should anybody ask us how this has come to pass –*
And –
- ALL *Should anybody ask us how this has come to pass –*
- CARRIE *I would give the answer: it all comes down to class.*
And –
- ALL *I would give the answer: it all comes down to class.*
- CARRIE Okay, with the class divided into two groups, Group 1 sing the first line,
Group 2 the second and so on. I'll bring you in. Ready and –
- GROUP 1 *I'll be your royal sovereign, and rule across the land –*
- GROUP 2 *get married to Miranda and she will hold my hand.*
- GROUP 1 *Should anybody ask us how this has come to pass –*
- GROUP 2 *I would give the answer: it all comes down to class.*
- CARRIE I'm sure you're getting the hang of it so let's just try the verse one more
time with everyone singing right through. Ready and –
- ALL *I'll be your royal sovereign, and rule across the land –*
get married to Miranda and she will hold my hand.
Should anybody ask us how this has come to pass –
I would give the answer: it all comes down to class.



- CARRIE Right, that's the verse and the chorus is straightforward too. I'll sing the first half and you try it after you hear me.
- And I would be 'Your Majesty',
they call me the big barracuda.*
- Ready and –
- ALL *And I would be 'Your Majesty',
they call me the big barracuda.*
- CARRIE Here's the next bit – 'We're living in a paradise'. Wait for me to say 'Ready and'...
- We're living in a paradise as you can plainly see
here on the island of dreams.*
- Ready and –
- ALL *We're living in a paradise as you can plainly see
here on the island of dreams.*
- CARRIE Watch the rhythm on that phrase 'We're living in a paradise'. It should sound like this:
- We're living in a paradise*
- So let's just try that same bit again from 'We're living...' to the end of the chorus. Ready and –
- ALL *We're living in a paradise as you can plainly see
here on the island of dreams.*
- CARRIE Okay, we'll sing the whole chorus through from 'And I would be...' - to the end. Ready and –
- ALL *And I would be 'Your Majesty',
they call me the big barracuda.
We're living in a paradise as you can plainly see
here on the island of dreams.*
- CARRIE We're going to sing the first verse and chorus now but before we do, just listen to the 'intro' so that you know when to start without me counting you in...



SONG

INTRO

CARRIE

Here we go then - verse and chorus. Make sure you take a breath ready to come in at the right time...

ALL

*I'll be your royal sovereign, and rule across the land –
get married to Miranda and she will hold my hand.
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CARRIE

Right, we're ready to sing Verse 2. Let's speak through the verse once before singing it. I'll say 1, 2, 3, 4 and you say the words with me in time.
1, 2, 3, 4 –

ALL

*You are my royal master, on that we can agree.
I'll be your loyal monster, and serve on bended knee.
Coz that's the way we like it, that's how it's meant to be
and I would be as happy as the fishes in the sea.*

CARRIE

Now see if you can sing Verse 2 as Caliban. You can choose any accent you like! 1, 2, 3, 4 -

ALL

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Coz that's the way we like it, that's how it's meant to be
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CARRIE

Well! Those are words you would never hear Caliban saying to Prospero!
Let's say Verse 3 together now. 1, 2, 3, 4 –

ALL

*I'd love to do my duty and wear the royal crown.
The soldiers will salute me, I'll look them up and down.
They know their royal sovereign is always in demand,
and every now and then they'll say 'Your wish is my command!'*

CARRIE

And we can sing that one now too. Ready and –

ALL

*I'd love to do my duty and wear the royal crown.
The soldiers will salute me, I'll look them up and down.*



- ALL *They know their royal sovereign is always in demand,
and every now and then they'll say 'Your wish is my command!'*
- CARRIE Now then, the chorus after Verse 3 is almost - but not quite - the same as before. It has a little extension in the middle. Have a listen –
- And I would be 'Your Majesty'.
(They call him the big enchilada).
They call me the big barracuda (bada-boom)
The top banana (bada-boom)
The fat piranha (bada-boom)
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- This time he's a 'big enchilada'. Do you know what that is? It's a Mexican food full of hot chilli peppers. Really, these boys are ridiculous! Sing the chorus with me down to 'enchilada'. I'll give you 'Ready and...'
Ready and –
- ALL *And I would be 'Your Majesty'.
(They call him the big enchilada).*
- CARRIE Now listen to the extension in the middle and sing it after I count you in...
- They call me the big barracuda (bada-boom)
The top banana (bada-boom)
The fat piranha (bada-boom)*
- 1, 2, Ready and –
- ALL *They call me the big barracuda (bada-boom)
The top banana (bada-boom)
The fat piranha (bada-boom)*
- CARRIE If you wish, you can add some instruments - say castanets - in between these lines on the sounds 'bada-boom'...or you can just say 'bada-boom'!
We'll do it again, you add what you like! Ready and -
- ALL *They call me the big barracuda (bada-boom)
The top banana (bada-boom)
The fat piranha (bada-boom)*



CARRIE

Okay, we'll sing that entire chorus now. You can divide into two groups, with one group singing only the words in brackets. The final chorus comes twice and the second time round we repeat the last line twice. So we actually sing that last line 'Here in the island of dreams' three times in total. 1, 2. Ready and –

ALL (IN GROUPS)

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CARRIE

Now for a finishing touch, there are suggestions in your booklet for adding percussion. We've got some here - you could play eggs...or we could have maracas...or even we could get some claves. You might try some of these on each chorus as we sing the song right through now. Join in singing and playing as we try it from the top...

ALL

Verse 1

[Stephano]

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Chorus

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Verse 2

[Caliban]

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Verse 3

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Extended chorus

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