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The Speckled Band
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Here's to the Band

Hear that music playing, listen to what it's saying
Throughout the years I've made a lot of friends
Many became famous, most of them go nameless
But I dedicate this song to all of them

I've sung with the best and I've had it all
I've gone from neighborhood saloons to Carnegie Hall
I've been down and out and I've been in demand
But I wouldn't have made it without them, here's to the band!

Those magical notes, those musical pearls
I've sung with all the Counts, the Dukes, the Kings, and the Earls
And the experience, I have to say, was grand
But I wouldn't have made it without them, here's to the band!

Strings soaring, horns boring
Drums pounding in my ear

To start at the ground and reach for the top
To have such a wonderful career, I just gotta stop
Stop and turn around to thank everyone that sits on the stand
'cause I wouldn't have made it without them, here's to the band!

Here's to those ladies and the gentlemen
Here's to the AF of M
I wouldn't have made it without them, here's to the band!
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Once a year we gather, enjoying all the blather
Throughout the years I've made a lot of friends
Some of them were smokers, Herpetons and Pokers
But I dedicate this song to all of them

I've had kidney pie and vichyssoise too
I've heard the constant grace we've said since '72
I've seen gatherings when seats were in demand
But I wouldn't have missed a night with them, here's to the band!

New members compete, for the bowl with the snake
The membership applauds to vote if we are awake

And it is our desire to see this group expand
Yes, we want to see some more like them, here's to the band!

Champagne poring, Poker's Storing
Off-tune piano in my ear

A Sherlockian Toast (posted 2025-5-6)

We started with *pere*, then moved on to *fil*s
And under Constable it's clear the Keeper won't cease
Cease the ritual of sixty-five years of spring that we've spanned
'Cause we wouldn't be here without them, here's to the band!

Here's to the members – all of those gentlemen
Here's to the many guests of them
We wouldn't have made it without them, here's to the band!
Here's to the band!