

FOSSIL SONG



The early forms of life were soft, their bodies didn't last,
but microscopic traces help us learn about the past.
500 million years ago came an important stage,
tough body parts like shells evolved and left us with remains.

Fossils, fossils, a special kind of treasure,
we dig them up for science and we study them for pleasure.
Fossils, fossils from deep within the ground,
despite their plain appearance they've the power to astound.

Encased in mud for many years the structure starts to change
as over time the animal's soft tissue rots away,
and water rich in minerals can seep into the bones,
which eventually solidify and turn them into stones.

Fossils, fossils, they're hidden in the mud,
creatures that got buried or were caught up in a flood.
Fossils, fossils, skeletons and shells,
animals that died and then were buried where they fell.

So imagine what's beneath your feet buried in the dark,
shells or bones or teeth or poo or a prehistoric shark!

HEY!

Fossils, fossils, it's really rather rare,
remains must be encased without exposure to the air.
Fossils, fossils, to die and not decay,
before your body's eaten or your bones get blown away!

Fossils, fossils – much older than your Nan,
from half a billion years ago when life on Earth began!

