

The Basics of Parliamentary Procedure

Sung to the tune of "Chim-Chim-Cheree" by Robert B. and Richard M. Sherman
(Winner of the 1964 Academy Award for "Best Song in a Motion Picture")

Pres-byt-er, pres-byt-er, pres-byt-er-eee
abide by these rules / and we'll be so hap-py.

If you do rise / to speak from the floor
Please stay on the sub-ject / and don't be a bore.

Although it may make / you feel all alone,
You must do your talk-ing / at the mic-ro-phone.

Ad-dress the mod-er / a-tor when you speak
Keep motions simple / not bib-li-cal Greek

Tell us your name / and why you are here
We're all one in Christ / there is nothing to fear

Al-ter-nate pro / and al-ter-nate con
Until every one / in the line has all gone

Motion is made / and then second-ed
De-bat-ed, a-mend-ed / and then is re-read

The vote can be took / by voice or by hand
If too close to call / we will make you all stand

And then we move on / there's more work to do
than sit-ting in meet-ings / and wish-ing they're through.

Pres-byt-er, pres-byt-er, pres-byt-ter-ooo!