

The Purple People Eater

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Soprano Baritone

D
Well I saw the thing comin' out of the sky
A⁷ D
It had one long horn and one big eye
G
I commenced to shakin' and I said, hoo-eee
A⁷ D
It looked like a purple people eater to me [refrain 1, 1st time]
[refrain 1]
D
It was a one-eyed, one-horned, flyin' purple people eater
A⁷
(One-eyed, one-horned, flyin' purple people eater)
D
A one-eyed, one-horned, flyin' purple people eater
A⁷ D
Sure looks strange to me. (1. One eye?) (2. One horn?)
D
Well he came down to earth and he lit in a tree
A⁷ D
I said Mr. Purple People Eater, don't eat me
G
I heard him say in a voice so gruff
A⁷ D
(I wouldn't eat you 'cause you're so tough.) [refrain 1, 2nd time]
D
I said Mr. Purple People Eater, what's your line
A⁷ D
He said eatin' purple people and it sure is fine
G
But that's not the reason that I came to land
A⁷ D
(I wanna get a job in a rock 'n' roll band) [refrain 2, 1st time]
[refrain 2]
D
Well bless my soul, rock and roll, flyin' purple people eater
A⁷
Pigeon-toed, under-growed, flyin' purple people eater
D
1. (We wear short shorts.) Friendly little people eater
2. (I like short shorts.) Flyin' purple people eater
A⁷ D
What a sight to see. (1. Ow!) (2. Purple people?)
D
And then he swung from the tree and he lit on the ground
A⁷ D
And he started to rock, a-really rockin' around
G
It was a crazy ditty with a swingin' tune
A⁷ D
(Sing a bop-bop-a-loopa-loppa-lum-bam-boom) [refrain 2, 2nd time]
D
And then he went on his way and then waddya know
A⁷ D
I saw him last night on a TV show
G
He was a-blowing it out, a-really knockin' em dead
A⁷ D
Playin' rock and roll music through the horn in his head [refrain - instrumental]
(Tequila!)

