

IGUDESMAN'S CARNEVAL OF THE ANIMALS - ENGLISH

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1. Here They Come.....	4'00"
2. The Roaring Lion.....	1'15"
3. Rooster's Doodle.....	1'30"
4. Time of Ass	1'30"
5. Dancing Turtles	2'15"
6. Elegant Elephant	1'30"
7. Lemon Mousse or Kangaroos	1'15"
8. Deep under the Sea	2'30"
9. The Wise Mule's Oral Repertoire	1'00"
10. The Cuckoo's Famous Tale	2'30"
11. Bird's Call	1'45"
12. Scaling Up and Down	2'15"
13. Old Bones to Pick	2'00"
14. Swanning Around	3'15"
15. That was it	3'00"

ALL: 31' with applause: 34'

1. Here They Come

Here they come, they jump and crawl
Bowl and growl, some small, some tall
Fast as fire, slow as snow
All the creatures in a row.

Enter dear, please have no fear
Everyone is welcome here
All the beings say hello
Some from waters deep below

Others from the skies above
One can never get enough
I can even see musicians
Full of skills and great ambitions

Welcome to this special day
Where animals will get to play
Just be patient, have no fear,
All the instruments you'll hear

Dude, don't be rude and listen to the flute
Oh boy, the oboe may be your toy
Don't fret, the clarinet will win each bet
But soon the bassoon will fly to the moon.

The moment I was born, I loved the horn
My favorite pet may just be the trumpet
When traveling to Aruba, I listen to the tuba
(I've got to pick a bone with the saxophone)

Soft at times, at others sharp,
is my mother's plucking harp
(Everyone should find their tone,
says the wise accordion)

All throughout the symphony
one can hear the timpani
The greatest exhibitionists
are clearly the percussionists

If you like exquisite things,
simply listen to the strings
Every victory begins,
 with virtuoso 1st violins
To avoid being too violent,
 the 2nd violins, like to stay silent
Violas going at their own pace,
 may still slap you in the face
A tranquil fellow, much more mellow,
 we hear the oh-so-spiritual cello
And as my ace, the face of grace,
 we have the great big double bass!
So now we start this roily race!

2. The Roaring Lion

The animal to start our travel
May make you scared, your nerves unravel
His main is wild, his name is Brian
Our king, the kind, but roaring lion.

3. Roosters Doodle

It may seem chic to watch a chick
You think you'll even get a kick
To test the chicken breast in jest,
Yet someone may not be impressed
And when the rooster starts to doodle
Stay clear, or he'll peck your poodle!

4. The Time of Ass

As moments flow, the time of Ass
He does his chores with great pizzazz
Being the leader of his class
He's ready to go and show his sass.

5. Dancing Turtles

When turtles teach the tortoise
And tortoise taught the turtles
We'll never know who taught us
To get across the hurdles

The dancing starts at midnight
And all the turtles ready
The steps don't seem to be right
Please try to keep them steady.

6. Elegant Elephant

Ferdinand, the elephant
Moves gracefully, so elegant
Each step upon the golden sand

Watch out, as you may not have planned
The scorching sun could burn and brand
Your trunk... and that would not be grand!

7. Lemon Mousse or Kangaroos

If you really had to choose
And you'd have to voice that choice
Would you choose the Kangaroos
Jumping, making all that noise
Or would your choice be Lemon Mousse
Licking it with sour poise?

8. Deep under the Sea

Deep under the sea
Is where I like to be
Of all the worry free

I try to say hi
To fish gliding by
Through seaweed they fly

It's suddenly dark
I now hear a bark
Of Mark the shark

But he is okay
He just wants to say
That you may stay.

9. The Wise Mule's Oral Repertoire

„Hee-haw, Hee-haw, Hee-haw, Hee-haw!”
 His eloquence puts me in awe
 The wise mule's oral repertoire
 Gets more elaborate every bar

Be science, maths or algebra
 Or how to swim or drive a car
 And if he ever breaks the law
 He says: „Hee-haw, Hee-haw, Hee-haw!”

10. The Cuckoo's Famous Tale

The hunt was moved, no shots are heard
 The forest peaceful, just one bird
 That sings his famous major third
 Is calling out to warn the herd

The Cuckoo sings his famous tale
 The hunter moves, he's bound to fail
 He walks along and leaves the trail
 If he does not, he'll go to jail!

11. Birds Call

My nerves have borne a heavy toll,
Life's brawl, chaotic, I lose control.
I yearn for that most peaceful stroll.

My feathered friends, some large some small
Enthralled by my beloved birds' call.
No better way to calm my soul.

12. Scaling Up and Down

Hold on, what noise is this I hear?
I smell musicians full of fear
The reason is not very clear.

Is playing scales your only choice?
Are you aware they are just noise?
And don't you want to have a voice?

I don't believe in censorship
But scales are really not that hip
It's time to show musicianship!

13. Old Bones to Pick

Years ago, a different age,
Dinosaurs where all the rage
They knew how to push and jostle
Now all that's left is their fossil

It may not be what they deserved
Yet some old bones are well preserved
Museums, is now where they belong,
Let's celebrate their distant song.

14. Swanning Around

I look and see you far beyond
You glide so softly on the pond
Of wetness you must be quite fond

Now all alone, the sun soon gone
Quite gracefully, my heart you won
Your sight so special, oh gentle swan.

15. That was it

That was it, my dearest friend
Very soon, you'll hear the end
I hope you liked this special blend
Musicians, animals our trend

Which one is which, I cannot say
But they all came to save the day

Some arrived, some were left out
But of one thing there is no doubt:

This piece is done, so it's a rap
And now it's simply time to clap!