

"I Matter"
music from "Maneater"
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You never see what I see.
No curiosity.
The bigger the thought, the bigger I seem a bore.
Smiling and nodding...
Oooh, at best I'm a guest you can nudge right out the door.

You tell me the time I spend
On quantum odds and cosmic ends
Leaves you confused, so in your view, I should stay in the not-too-far.
But greater things matter!
We are stuff bright enough to figure out who we are.

Ohhh, you don't know
How you squander energy.
You will never grow;
You'll just stay matter.
Ohhh, I will go
On to launch a legacy.
I will come to show
How much I matter.

How can you still insist
To live is to merely exist?
Clock in and out, repeat, repeat, repeat, retire, die.
Nothing is sadder
Than to find what a mind can do and declines to try.

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(saxophone)

Oooh!
(Ohhh, you don't know.) You don't know how you squander energy.
(You will never grow. Look close!) You'll just stay matter.
(Ohhh, I will go. See how I matter!) Oooh, I'll launch a legacy.
(I will come to show.) I will show how much I matter.
(Ohhh, you don't know. Look close!) You'll never see what I see, oooh.
(You will never grow.) You won't grow out your gray matter.
(Ohhh, I will go. See how I matter!) Leaves you confused, wooh.
(I will come to show.) Let me show: matter, I matter, I...
(Ohhh, you don't know.) I matter, matter, matter, matter!

(You will never grow.) Yeah, yeah, you'll just stay matter.
(Ohhh, I will go. Look at me matter!) Just smile and nod, ooh.
(I will come to show.) Oh, how much I matter...