HOMO COLOSSUS LAMENT

Tune: Oh They Built the Ship Titanic

<https://youtu.be/5X2MJwJFY40>

(Homo Colossus is “man equipped with voracious technology”)

Oh we built Homo Colossus

With ingenuity

With wood and coal and oil drawn

From Mother Earth’s bounty

It took her many ages

Storing fossils in her soil

But just a few for us

to take her down

**Chorus:**

**We’re so sad to see him go**

**He let us down as we now know**

**We thought he’d keep on**

**Growing our economy**

**Warnings through the years**

**Were falling on deaf ears**

**And now our songs**

**Are mingled with our tears.**

So now we see how futile

Is our technology

To save us from disaster

Our warming destiny

We’re facing mass extinction

As we suck our planet dry

And now we’re facing harsh reality

As the carbon fills the air

The methane adds some more

The ice sheets melting fast

Put sea rise at our door

Our Industrial Addiction

We’re heading for collapse

It’s time to make things right

While we still can

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As the fires and the storms

More frequent and intense

Heed the wake-up calls

Our predicament’s immense

No more procrastination

No waiting for Godot

It’s time for GDP--It’s got to go!

It’s we who are in trouble

The Homo Sapiens

We built machines

And now are trapped

In things made by our hands

Our ancestors crying out

Our children’s voices too

It’s up to us

To hear them and respond

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Oh we hold onto our hopes

That somehow we’ll be freed.

While Elon Musk and Bezos

Continue to feed our greed

Our children will pay the price

For our Hubris, throwing dice

We’re so sad to see him going down

**Chorus:**

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Oh the moral of this tale

As we all know so well

Is we’re in this together

And Love is what we’ll tell

It’s on our epitaph

Our legacy for sure

We’re so glad to finally see him come down.