



I think we should start over

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Soundscore Transcript

The digital clock at the back of the performance area will guide where we are in the script.

15:24:00	Speaker 1: Speaker 2: 1: 2: 1: 2: 1: 2: 1: 2:	I don't know what it is you're talk- you're talking about our troubled past which I'm like oh I'll play ball No there is no trouble past... yano but here's the thing I think we should start over all right Honestly, let's start it over all right I'll er, I'll have you all of you enter yeah because right now I just feel like I get it, I feel the same no because you have no format I do All right let's start from the top
14:57:00	1:	It's a Monday it's my day off
14:56:00	BEEP (laughter)	
14:52:00	BEEP	
	2: 1: 2: 1: 2: 1: 2: 1: 2: 1: 2: 1: 2: 1: 2: 1: 2: 1: 2: 1: 2:	I feel like I'm trying too hard Do you want to sit here I already put your jacket Yeah.. yeah.. yeah, that great thanks for having me I'm really grateful yeah man yeah we're... we're good. Thanks for having me I'm really I-looking forward to this yeah could you hear in the headphones okay I love it thank you all right Bobby thanks for coming to the apartment Thank you what do you think of the place so far I love it, you know what it is tell me it, it, it reads you it reads you yeah how so When I walk in here I go this is Rick er Gla.. Glass.. Glassman's house Glassman yeah

	3: It's about words. 4: Yeah, totally shaped the way we think we're... (voices fade out)
12.17:00	<p>Speaker 5: Here's the thing I've always wanted to ask someone like you... what do you think was happening before the Big Bang?</p> <p>Speaker 6: Yeah, It's a, it's a, it's a deep question and a, and a, and a subtle one and there's sort of two ways that I like to think about that question, one is it could be that er the Big Bang was an interesting event but not the first event in the totality of reality, it could have been the first event that sparked the expansion of our part of space. But it could be that there's a grander realm of space within which we sit as a small part and that grander realm may have been here for a far longer period of time. It may have experienced its own big bang's maybe a collection of big bangs that may extend infinitely far into the past.</p>
11.21:00	<p>6: So it could be that the answer to the question what happened before the Big Bang? Is a lot of other big bangs or a lot of other quantum events that were taking place in a larger landscape of reality than we have direct access to.</p> <p>However, another answer is that the very question may not make as much sense as the words seem to suggest. We know how to pass that sentence, we know what it means to talk about the moment before the Big Bang because we know how to talk about the moment before your birth, or the moment before the Civil War, or the moment before any event that happened in the world we fully understand the meaning of that kind of sentence but it could be that when it comes to the Big Bang the sentence actually doesn't mean anything.</p>
10:42:00	BEEP
10:24:00	<p>Speaker 7: Introduction. Welcome! And congratulations. I am delighted that you could make it. Getting here wasn't easy, I know. In fact, I suspect it was a little tougher than you realise. To begin with, for you to be here now trillions of drifting atoms had somehow to assemble in an intricate and curiously obliging manner to create you. It's an arrangement so specialised and particular that it has never been tried before and will only exist this once. For the next many years (we hope) these tiny particles will uncomplainingly engage in all the billions of deft, cooperative efforts necessary to keep you intact and let you experience the supremely agreeable but generally underappreciated state known as existence.</p>

09:28:00		<p>Why atoms take this trouble is a bit of a puzzle. Being you is not a gratifying experience at the atomic level. For all their devoted attention, your atoms don't actually care about you - indeed, don't even know that you were there. They don't even know that they are there. They are mindless particles, after all, and not even themselves alive.</p> <p>It is a slightly arresting notion that if you were to pick yourself apart with tweezers, one atom at a time, you would produce a mound of fine atomic dust, none of which had ever been alive but all of which had once been you. Yet somehow for the period of your existence they will answer to a single rigid impulse: to keep you, you.</p>
08:37:22		<p>The bad news is that atoms are fickle and their time of devotion is fleeting, fleeting indeed. Even a long human life adds up to only about 650,000 hours. And when that modest milestone flashes into view, or at some other point thereabouts, for reasons unknown your atoms will close you down, then silently disassemble, and go off to be other things. And that's it for you.</p> <p>Still, you may rejoice that it happens at all. Generally speaking, in the universe, it doesn't, so far as we can tell. This is decidedly odd because the atoms that so liberally and congenially flock together to form living things on Earth are exactly the same atoms that decline to do it elsewhere. Whatever else it may be, at the level of chemistry life is fantastically mundane: carbon, hydrogen, oxygen, and nitrogen, a little calcium, a dash of sulphur, a light dusting of other very ordinary elements, nothing you wouldn't find in any ordinary pharmacy, and that's all you need. The only thing special about the atoms that make you is that they make you. That is of course the miracle of life.</p>
07:21:22		<p>Whether or not atoms make life in other corners of the universe, they make plenty else; indeed, they make everything else. Without them there would be no water or air or rocks, no stars and planets, no distant gassy clouds or swirling nebulae or any of the other things that make the universe so agreeably material. Atoms are so numerous and necessary that we easily overlook that they needn't actually exist at all. There is no law that requires the universe to fill itself with small particles of matter or to produce light and gravity and the other properties on which our existence hinges. (Fading out) There needn't actually be a universe at all.</p>

		For a very long time there wasn't. There were no atoms and no universe for them to float about in. There was nothing, nothing at all anywhere.
06:21:00		At six- For some reason when I go to the app...
06:09:00	Singer:	[Verse 1] The comedy of man starts like this: Our brains are way too big for our mothers' hips And so, nature, she devised this alternative: We emerge half-formed and hope whoever greets us on the other end Is kind enough to fill us in, And babies, that's pretty much how it's been ever since, Now the miracle of birth leaves a few issues to address, Like, say, that half of us are periodically iron deficient, So somebody's gotta go kill something while I look after the kids, I'd do it myself, but what, are you gonna to get this thing its milk? He says as soon as he gets back from the hunt, we can switch, It's hard not to fall in love with something so helpless, Ladies, I hope we don't end up regretting this
04:21:00		[Chorus 1] Comedy, now that's what I call pure comedy, Just wait until the part where they start to believe, They're at the center of everything, And some all-powerful being, Endowed this horror show with meaning,
03:48:00		[Verse 2] Oh, their religions are the best, They worship themselves yet they're totally obsessed, With risen zombies, celestial virgins, magic tricks, These unbelievable outfits, And they get terribly upset, When you question their sacred texts, Written by woman-hating epileptics
03:08:00		Their languages just serve to confuse them, Their confusion somehow makes them more sure, They build fortunes poisoning their offspring, And hand out prizes when someone patents a cure,

		<p>Where did they find these goons they elected to rule them? What makes these clowns they idolise so remarkable? These mammals are hell-bent on fashioning new gods, So they can go on being godless animals</p>
02:08:00	<p>Speaker 1: 2:</p>	<p>I don't know what it is you're talk- you're talking about our troubled past which I'm like oh I'll play ball There is no trouble past</p>
01:59:00	<p>2: 1: 2: 1: 2: 1: 2: 1: 2:</p>	<p>but here's the thing I think we should start over all right Honestly, let's start it over all right I'll er, I'll have you all of you enter yeah because right now I just feel like I get it, I feel the same no because you have no format I do All right let's start from the top</p>
01:39:00		<p>[Chorus 2] Oh comedy, their illusions they have no choice but to believe, Their horizons that just forever recede, And how's this for irony: Their idea of being free is a prison of beliefs, That they never ever have to leave, Oh comedy, oh it's like something that a madman would conceive! The only thing that seems to make them feel alive, Is the struggle to survive, But the only thing that they request, Is something to numb the pain with, Until there's nothing human left,</p>
00:27:00		<p>[Outro] Just random matter suspended in the dark</p>
00:21:00	<p>Speaker 2: (laughter)</p>	<p>but here's the thing</p>
00:19:00		<p>I hate to say it, but each other's all we've got</p>
00:15:00	<p>Speaker 2: BEEP</p>	<p>I think we should start over</p>

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