

"The Weight (of being Chair)"

Lyrics by David Williams, music by The Band, arranged by John Glover

It's a song about Reinhart, who started on the 7th floor

Transportin' chloride and bicarb, the ions he adores
Hey mister can you tell me, where band III has its pore?
He just grinned and shook his head, and "no" was all he said.

Take a look at Reinhart,
Take a look and see
Take a look at Reinhart

And..and..and..he'll be Chair (he'll be Chair) of bio-chem-is-try

Picked up his bag, he went lookin' for a place to hide

But there was nowhere left, no matter how hard he tried
We said "Hey Reinhart", we know you're the only one
Who can see us through, and make sure the job gets done!

Take a look at Reinhart,
Take a look and see
Take a look at Reinhart

And..and..and...he's the Chair (he's the Chair) of bio-chem-is-try

Well he settled in real quick with Carrie by his side

A brand new website was, the first thing he advised
Our grad enrolment, soon grew to a healthy size
And we began to feel our Department on the rise!

Take a look at Reinhart,
Take a look and see
Take a look at Reinhart

And..and..and...he's buildin' up (buildin' up) bio-chem-is-try

Some tough budget cuts and the coffers are getting low

So he packs Con Hall and the money starts to flow
Our undergrads - they soon get a "major" fix
And we try to make PhDs in 5 years instead of six!

Take a look at Reinhart,
Take a look and see
Take a look at Reinhart

And..and..and...he's changin' up (changin' up) bio-chem-is-try

It's time to rejuvenate and Angus comes to stay

Followed by Trevor and Alex, now were lookin' much less gray
But he's not done, there's CERC Chair on the way
With Cordula and Oliver it feels like a brand new day.

Take a look at Reinhart,
Take a look and see
Take a look at Reinhart

And..and..and..its a bold new (bold new) bio-chem-is-try.

Ten years have come and gone, he can't believe its true

An Oxford leave is nigh - some vintage port is overdue
Our thanks we offer you and your praises we have sung
Now the golf clubs beckon - time to get some "course work" done!

You've done a great job, Reinhart,
It is plain to see
Wait a sec, where's Reinhart?

And..and..and...that's him (that's him) at the seventh tee!