## FAREWELL, CHUCK E. CHEESE ANIMATRONIC BAND

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Curtains close on our childhood nightmares Eyes close and slowly open A disjointed dance, abruptly frozen

Farewell Chuck E. Cheese Animatronic Band We can't afford to pay musicians And Chuck needs a new brand Your pension is a slice of pizza Don't be a stranger, my friend Farewell Chuck E. Cheese Animatronic Band

I'm lost in a Ball-Pit of despair Whack-A-Mole my aching heart Skee-Ball my fantasies back to there

Farewell Chuck E. Cheese Animatronic Band A mainstay of the pizza arcade A token for the memories made Blast off the track to your home planet Where the music never ends Farewell, Chuck E. Cheese Animatronic Band

A malfunction of priorities
Bring me pizza with only cheese

Farewell, Chuck E. Cheese Animatronic Band The kids are lookin' at their screens Gluten free with cashew cheese Can I come with you to your home planet Where the music never ends? Farewell Chuck E. Cheese Animatronic Band

What's behind the curtain now?