



## **Earth is a Rock, Let the DNA Mold Me**

G.J. Mendel's apian stingers, Rachel Carson's *Silent Springers*

Babs McClintock might surprise ya, jumping genes Nobel prized her

Hedy Lamarr, channel hopper, Georgie Antheil, spectrum swapper

Biotech-no, locomotion, deeper purple, liquefaction

Darwin, Wallace, Spencer, authors, selection theory, they're the Chaucers

Becquerel tells radio story with Pierre and Madame Curie

Who can activate the humor? Katz and Axelrod and Euler

Hormone schmormone, Midas function, cure it with adrenotropin

Proud of my pituitary, ain't a gland that's ancillary

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At the end of my rainbow lies an emboldened oldie

A, T, G, C the bits are clicking while the dock is lock a tricking

Friends and omens, calculations, Atossa and the tribulations

Florence Sabin, I behold her, golden force and glacial boulder

Johnny Hill and Johnny Enders, spinning now like Waring blenders

Linus Pauling and Jonas Salk, Rita Levi and Robert Koch

Dr. Joe, the nightly tipper, Doctor Day and Chris the sipper

Richard Smalley, R. B. Fuller, Bucky-Balls are carbon stellar

Miracles in low key places, cultured agars, gender basis

Classroom outlet, Vic McKusick's, spotted fever, Howard Ricketts

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Watson, Wilkins, Franklin, Crick'in, life's enigma, plot doth thicken

Kornberg's schooling, Ochoa zyning, mix some, fix some, synthesizing

Arnold, Winter, Smith and Felix, paint me beauty double helix

Jerne, Köhler, Milstein, Caesar, ping me prouder T.H. Rider

Gilbert, Sanger, Berg and Sharpless, Sackler brothers, Oxy crisis

Vaccinations and mutations, RNA and transformations

Mullis and Smith and PCR, chain reactions, exploding stars

Swanson, Cohen and Boyers and tech-no spinning gen-en pre-neurs  
J&J and Mayo brothers, AMG and all the others

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Listen, remember, they're saying your name

Cock it, lock it, Alec freed me, Vicky Wilson got to cleave me  
Chromosome, fold me, hold me, rock my gene and bold genome  
Johnny King and Walter King and M.C. King and *Free Thinking*  
Charpentier Em and Doudna, Jen, shocking the world like Merc John Glenn  
There's a perfect more than adman, the gentle words of Geo Rathmann  
One, two, three, let it be, whisper, whisper and I need sweet CRISPR

Mary-Claire

Lee and Linda and Donnall Thomas, Fred Hutch promise, Nobel brass  
Electrophoresis keeps you safe from data specious

California, merger mania, New York City pharm sane ya

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**Lyrics** by Philip Ness, Norman Dolph and Paul DiFranco

**Music** by TJ Maher and Paul DiFranco

**Session Credits:**

- Produced and Mixed by TJ Maher at [Earth Tones Studios](#)
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- Keys by: [Joshua Blaylock](#)
- Guitar/Bass/Programming: TJ Maher
- Drums by: Steve Lane