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Your brother's gonna laugh at the pop art shirts
Your mum's gonna blush at the too-short skirts
Your dad's gonna snort and shout and sneer
You're on the show Ready Steady Go
 cos the weekend starts here!

It's time right now for the pop star gods
It's time right now for the bad girls and mods
It's time right now for the Italian couture
It's time right now to show just how
 we're gonna make the future!

The kids are alright we've got all we need
The kids are alright with a fistful of speed
The kids are alright, with our looks and sounds
The kids are alright, dressed sharp and tight
 burning your town to the ground!

Bring on the Beatles, Stones, Dusty, and the Who
Bring on the cameras and Vicki Wickham's crew
Bring on the Motown stars and Otis Redding
Bring on the blows for Ol' Jim Crow's
 inter-racial Armageddon!

Who's that up there, with a thing to shake?
Who's that up there, finding rules to break?
Who's that up there, biggest stars that's ever been?
You and me on RSG,
 centre stage and centre screen!

** Theme song of Ready, Steady, Go!, Rediffusion's flagship pop and rock show 1963-66, which featured a live audience who were as much part of the show as the performers. It also pioneered multi-racial shows at a time when segregation was still in place in the USA and its de facto producer Vicki Wickham is seen as a significant white figure in the history of African-American culture.*