

“I’ve Got a Little List” from The Mikado

Jeremy Ison and Roger Baker's privacy version, June 2014, with apologies to Gilbert and Sullivan

INTRODUCTION

As some day it may happen that a victim must be found,
I've got a little list - I've got a little list
Of privacy offenders who might well be underground,
And who never would be missed - who never would be missed!

VERSE 1

There's the pests who send you marketing although you've opted out,
All those who passed the Cookie Law which makes you curse and shout,
The Street View van photographer who snapped me in the nude,
All people using Google Glass without consent – that's rude!
And *all* the network jammers who in spamming us persist -
They'd none of 'em be missed - they'd none of 'em be missed!

CHORUS

He's got 'em on the list - he's got 'em on the list;
And they'll none of 'em be missed - they'll none of 'em be missed.

VERSE 2

There's the social engineering fiend and others of his race
And the left-wing hactivist – I've got him on the list!
All Authorities who grant approvals *at* too slow a pace -
They never would be missed - they never would be missed!
Then the re-offending criminals and others who've been rotten
Who claim search engines must respect their right to be forgotten!
The cheapskate bosses *who* tell staff to bring their own device
But *don't* check their security - and later pay the price!
Any legislative draftsman who's a rigid dogmatist -
I don't think they'd be missed - I'm sure they'd not be missed!

CHORUS

He's got them on the list - he's got them on the list;
And I don't think they'll be missed - I'm sure they'll not be missed!

VERSE 3

There's the members of the Board who leave their iPads on the plane;
They're the worst recidivists – they're on *everybody's* list!
And journalists who hack stars' phones for pure financial gain.
They'd none of 'em be missed - they'd none of 'em be missed.
There's the project lead who for advice consults the DPO

And tells him his intrusive app. went live 6 months ago.
Then the cloud computing salesmen whom your business colleagues rated
But cannot tell you where on earth your data is located!
But it really doesn't matter whom you put upon the list,
For they'd none of 'em be missed - they'd none of 'em be missed!

CHORUS

You may put 'em on the list - you may put 'em on the list;
And they'll none of 'em be missed - they'll none of 'em be missed!

VERSE 4

The spies who read your Facebook page – just now they're rather rife -
So the media insist – Well, I've got them on the list.
And data brokers selling profiles *of* my private life.
They'd none of 'em be missed - they'd none of 'em be missed.
There's the Internet of Things' inventor: *it* just leads to prying:
Now my *oven* tells my doctor how much food I've been deep frying!
Health Insurers who won't cover you (is this the next big issue?)
Unless you have provided them with some genetic tissue.
But it really doesn't matter whom you put upon the list,
For they'd none of 'em be missed - they'd none of 'em be missed!

CHORUS

You may put 'em on the list - you may put 'em on the list;
And they'll none of 'em be missed - they'll none of 'em be missed!

VERSE 5

The negotiators of the Regulation seem to me -
And I've followed every twist – like they would not be much missed;
But if they *pass* a helpful law - say by 2023 -
Then I'll take them OFF the list, yes I'll take them OFF the list!
As for Stewart and the conference team, our hosts here *in* Queens College
We thank them for the programme and for broadening our knowledge.
I *could* get *rid* of them but *that* would leave us all diminished
And it's bad enough this year's event will very soon be finished
But it really doesn't matter, as we're ALL on *Stewart's* list,
And we know with next year's adverts that we'll none of us be missed!

CHORUS

We're all on Stewart's list - we're all on Stewart's list
And we know with next year's adverts that we'll none of us be missed!