

# The Purple People Eater

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Soprano Baritone

D  
Well I saw the thing comin' out of the sky  
A7 D  
It had one long horn and one big eye  
G  
I commenced to shakin' and I said, hoo-eee  
A7 D  
It looked like a purple people eater to me [refrain 1, 1st time]  
[refrain 1]  
D  
It was a one-eyed, one-horned, flyin' purple people eater  
A7  
(One-eyed, one-horned, flyin' purple people eater)  
D  
A one-eyed, one-horned, flyin' purple people eater  
A7 D  
Sure looks strange to me. (1. One eye?) (2. One horn?)  
D  
Well he came down to earth and he lit in a tree  
A7 D  
I said Mr. Purple People Eater, don't eat me  
G  
I heard him say in a voice so gruff  
A7 D  
(I wouldn't eat you 'cause you're so tough.) [refrain 1, 2nd time]  
D  
I said Mr. Purple People Eater, what's your line  
A7 D  
He said eatin' purple people and it sure is fine  
G  
But that's not the reason that I came to land  
A7 D  
(I wanna get a job in a rock 'n' roll band) [refrain 2, 1st time]  
[refrain 2]  
D  
Well bless my soul, rock and roll, flyin' purple people eater  
A7  
Pigeon-toed, under-growed, flyin' purple people eater  
D  
1. (We wear short shorts.) Friendly little people eater  
2. (I like short shorts.) Flyin' purple people eater  
A7 D  
What a sight to see. (1. Ow!) (2. Purple people?)  
D  
And then he swung from the tree and he lit on the ground  
A7 D  
And he started to rock, a-really rockin' around  
G  
It was a crazy ditty with a swingin' tune  
A7 D  
(Sing a bop-bop-a-loopa-loppa-lum-bam-boom) [refrain 2, 2nd time]  
D  
And then he went on his way and then waddya know  
A7 D  
I saw him last night on a TV show  
G  
He was a-blowing it out, a-really knockin' em dead  
A7 D  
Playin' rock and roll music through the horn in his head [refrain - instrumental]  
(Tequila!)

