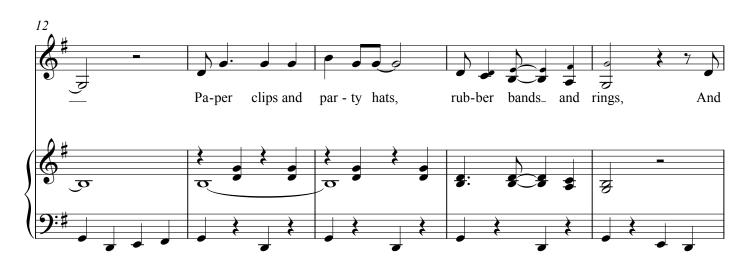
## I DO NOT NEED A BAG







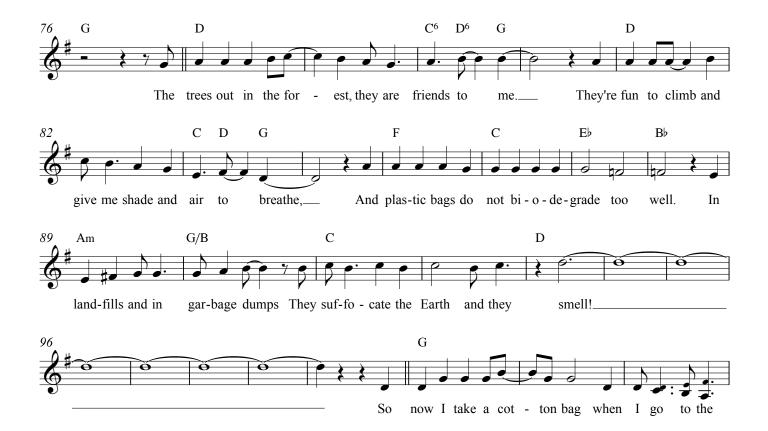
This song has a range of two octave. Cues are included for singers who would like to perform the song with a narrower range.





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## By David Roth

## **VERSE**

Oh, I go shopping every day, and I buy lots of things:

Paper clips and party hats, rubber bands and rings,

And when I've picked out what I want and comes the time to pay,

They ask me how I want it wrapped and this is what I say:

## CHORUS I

"I do not need a bag,
I do not need a bag,

I do not need a bag,
I do not need a bag,

To take a brand new bag

each time I shop's a drag.

Thank you kindly but
I do not need a bag."

## **VERSE**

I went into the kitchen
to fix a bite to eat.
I had a taste for something tart
or maybe something sweet,
But every shelf I opened up
and every drawer was stuffed
With supermarket paper sacks
and plastic pouches puffed.

#### CHORUS II

I do not need these sacks,

With all these extra sacks

I cannot find my snacks,

Thank you kindly but

I do not need these sacks.

## BRIDGE

The trees out in the forest,
they are friends to me.
They're fun to climb and give me
shade and air to breathe,
And plastic bags do not
biodegrade too well.
In landfills and in garbage dumps
They suffocate the Earth...
and they smell!

## **VERSE**

So now I take a cotton bag
when I go to the store.
I've used it many, many times,
I'm sure I'll use it more.
And every time I use my bag
I help to save a tree.
If everybody did the same,
just think how smart that'd be.

### CHORUS III

We wouldn't waste our bags,
we wouldn't waste our trees,
We'd have more branching out,
we'd have less plastic sleaze,
We'd have more bark, less bite,
we'd have more piles of leaves.
Oh I'll never take a bag
that I don't need.

## CHORUS I