

CHAIN LETTER

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I got a chain letter in the mail:

“Send copies to twenty friends

If you do you get rich, if you don't you're gonna die

You know the chain must never end”

There was a woman in Sarajevo

She put the letter in the bottom drawer;

You know her bank went bust, her house burned down

And her country went to war

When she found the letter

She sent it off in a flash;

No one can explain but the fact remains

She found an envelope with twenty thousand dollars in cash

Chain letter in the mail

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The chain must never end” — LINK IT UP!

CHORUS:

CHAIN CHAIN CHAIN CHAIN CHAIN LETTER,

CHAINED TO THE CHAIN OF A CHAIN LETTER

Well I felt the awesome power

That the letter had bestowed;

And I knew that I was messing with a powerful blessing to be

Sensitively unloaded

I thought of every one I'd ever known

Every summonable face and name;

I put the letter in a pile, and after a while

The bad luck fell like rain

I dropped my keys in a sewer

My wallet in a taxi cab;

Put diaper rash stuff on a toothbrush
Do I need to tell you that the taste was bad

And I knew I had to send the letters
If I wanted to change my luck;
I went back to the place where I put it, no trace
I thought to myself, "FFFFFFFFFFFFFFIND IT!"

CHORUS

I found it. I made copies,
When a thought occurred to me:
My friends are great but they procrastinate
Just like me, it's gonna be a disaster jamboree

I thought of old Saint Helens
How the ashes touched us all;
And I went out to the compost pile
Where the grasses grow so tall

And I set that letter burning
Spiraling specks and flecks;
Sent a mental mass mailing through the
Cosmic Rolodex

It was a message of hope and peace
To every summonable face and name;
I let the good part fly through the endless sky
And left the evil dancing in the flames

I got a chain letter in the mail
"You're gonna get it again and again and again
And if you're singing along, you know you can't go wrong,
The chain will never end" – LINK IT UP!

CHORUS

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CHAINED TO THE CHAIN OF A CHAIN LETTER (3x)