

# Can't You Read?

*A Song by Tiki Mercury-Clarke*

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1.  
Where's the bargain, what's on sale  
A notice at the door  
Some medicine, a can of soup  
Everything in a no frills store
  2.  
Restaurant menus or the latest board-game  
How to put together a toy  
Escalator up or shoe department down  
And the washroom's for a girl or a boy?
  3.  
Is this plain or is it herbal tea?  
Just where do I find this sauce?  
I hope I brought enough money with me  
'cause I just can't figure out the cost
  4.  
Is this shampoo for oily hair?  
Do I add water to this milk?  
How often must I take this pill?  
I didn't know that it was made of silk
- CHORUS:  
What's the matter can't you read?  
What's the matter can't you read?
- I didn't know that the cloth would bleed  
What's the matter can't you read?
- How many people will this box feed?  
What's the matter can't you read?
- It's taken for granted everywhere you turn  
That everyone can read  
That all grown-ups have learned
- What's the matter can't you read?  
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FROM THE SHOW "THE READING TRAIN"  
BY TIKI MERCURY-CLARKE

WORDS & MUSIC BY TIKI MERCURY-CLARKE

CAN'T YOU READ?

**INTRO**

1. WHERE'S THE PAR-GAIN WHAT'S ON SALE A NO-TICE AT THE DOOR SOME ME-DI-CINE A CAN OF SWAP EU-RY THING IN A NO-TRILLS STORE

2. REST-AU-RANT ME-WAS OR THE LA-TEST BOARD-GAME HOW TO PUT TO-GE-THER A TOY ES-CA-LA-TOR UP OR SHOE DE-PART-MENT DOWN AND THE WASH-ROOMS FOR A GIRL OR A BOY?

WHAT'S THE MAT-TER CAN'T YOU READ? WHAT'S THE MAT-TER CAN'T YOU READ?

1. I DID-N'T KNOW THAT THE WOULD BREED? 2. HOW MA-NY PED-DLE WILL THIS BE? (REPEATS) WHAT'S THE MAT-TER CAN'T YOU READ?

IT'S TA-KEN FOR GRANT-ED EU-RY-WHERE YOU TURN THAT EU-RY-ONE CAN READ THAT ALL GROWN-UPS HAVE LEARNED WHAT'S THE MAT-TER CAN'T YOU READ? WHAT'S THE MAT-TER CAN'T YOU READ? WHAT'S THE MAT-TER CAN'T YOU READ?

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