

OK Go - This Too Shall Pass - RGM version

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- 1 Bassist Tim Nordwind rolls the little red truck forward
- 2 setting off the chain of dominoes (too many to count), the last of which
- 3 pulls the string to
- 4 release the **Hot Wheels** car down the track, which
- 5 hits the #13 pool ball, sending it rolling down the gutter and across the floor, until it
- for runs into the Fireside album (?) which is tied to the roll of twine that
- 7 pulls down a delicately balanced see-saw made of multi-colored Lego blocks, the end of which
- 8 turns on the **lpod** which is connected to the large **PUNCH** speaker, that
- 9 vibrates from the sound, setting in motion the
- 10 steel ball bearing which courses thru the funnel and spoon array, eventually
- 11 rolling out onto the carved table top and engaging an additional nine steelies, which when exiting the table roll down a ramp and
- 12 trip the spring loaded golf club attached to an adjacent table that
- 13 strikes a hard blow (tempered somewhat by a teddy-bear shock absorber) against what appears to be a metal funnel, which in turn
- sends a new steel ball bearing (lets call this one Steely X) down a short ramp, eventually coming to rest at the end of said ramp on the end of a lever,
- while, simultaneously, the force of the golf club blow causes a large cylinder in front of lead singer Damian Kulash to roll across a stack of books,
- 16 falling onto a colorful green necktie that
- 17 pulls the yellow stick out from under the tin can tied by string to a pivot point above, which
- swings into action and sets in motion the aforementioned wire lever,
- 19 said lever moving upward and engaging steel ball bearings, as follows:
- 20 the aforementioned **Steely X** is sdelivered to a set of wooden ramps, where it rolls downhill, first of all
- 21 knocking into a second pre-set ballbearing (**Steely Y**) and sending
- 22 **Steely Y** down an adjacent ramp into the small wire kitchen strainer while
- 23 <u>Steely X</u> continues down the initial set of ramps, eventually rolling into the white plastic cup,
- 24 causing the cup to become unbalanced and fall,





- 25 triggering the blue weight to fall,
- 26 pulling the restraining pin that held the small wire kitchen strainer and
- 27 starting it in motion to unwind from around the brass candlestick holder, until it reaches the table top and
- 28 delivers Steely Y in a sort of "flinging" motion across the table, funneled into the paper cup secured by duct tape to the 2x4 swing arm,
- 29 the added weight of <u>Steely Y</u> causing the swing arm to move in a clock-wise motion and
- 30 strike the release mechanism holding the silver and black juggling pin in place,
- and sending the juggling pin rolling across the table top
- 32 where it pushes the orange funnel and
- causes the string tied to said funnel to trigger the mouse trap tied to its other end,
- 34 said mouse trap acting as a catapult to
- 35 propel the tennis ball through the air where it
- 36 strikes the yellow bucket perched atop the white bookcase
- 37 and, as the bucket falls, it hits the wooden dowel that has been positioned under the rubber tire,
- 38 causing the tire to roll down a long ramp in from of drummer Dan Konopka
- 39 (along the way triggering various switches that turn on a collection of lamps and two red air dancers located next to keyboardist Andy Ross) until the tire
- 40 bumps into the pivoting hammer at the end of the ramp and
- 41 the hammer falls to spark the electrical connection to the oscillating fan that
- 42 blows the umbrella across the floor and into the trip wire connected to the "okgo" sculpture,
- 43 releasing the swinging tea kettle that
- 44 hits the release mechanism for the red-white-and-blue dune buggy, allowing it to
- 45 roll across the table and
- 46 smash into the wooden fence in front of an **OKGO**-version of the Hollywood Hills Sign and
- 47 knock over the weight that is tied to the release for a small weighted bucket, suspended by string and pulley mechanism to a rotating blue guitar,
- 48 which immediately begins to turn and, in doing such,
- 49 adds musically in perfect pitch and rhythm through a series of tuned water glasses stuck by spoons tied to the blue guitar until, on the last note,
- 50 the guitar triggers a soccer ball to roll across a set of rails and
- 51 fall onto yet another release trigger, causing
- 52 the suspended upright piano to fall crashing to the floor and





- 53 send in motion the blue kite / tether ball mechanism that
- 54 drops the small sword to
- 55 cut the rope to
- 56 release a loaded shopping cart down a short, steep ramp, at the bottom of which it falls over spilling its contents, some of which
- 57 trip the blue weight / Lady Madonna statue mechanism to
- 58 engage the puppet stage with sunrise, blooming flowers and little yellow canary birds who, as they swing into flight,
- 59 send what appears to be a stuffed groundhog cascading down a zip line and
- strike the plate at the end of the zip line, whose attached string
- 61 pulls the trigger to the crossbow that
- 62 shoots an arrow across the way to
- 63 pop the red balloon and
- drop a glass of wine that had been delicately balanced atop the balloon (without spilling a drop) onto a supporting base, the weight shift of which
- 65 causes a series of four precariously perched chairs to topple in domino style until the last of the chairs
- 66 nudges the tennis ball at the end of a swing arm device that swings around and
- 67 hits the balls (3 red & 2 blue) perched atop the plinko peg ramp, sending them rolling down and out the end of the ramp to simultaneously
- 68 start a display of multi-colored mousetrap-propelled flags and
- 69 trigger the soda can decorated with pink streamers to slide down the wire tied to the end of the
- 70 release for the big red rubber ball to roll down its slide and
- 71 turn on the power strip for the electric drill that
- 72 drives the spinning disk and
- 73 runs the mechanical finger hitting the space key of the electric typewriter,
- 74 causing its carriage to move left and
- 75 knock over the weight that
- 76 pulls the string to
- engage a mechanism containing various cups, tubes & funnels, a golf club, cupid heart with arrow and - is that a yellow lunar rover? - to somehow
- 78 uncork the tri-color liquids from the soda bottles, allowing it to
- 79 course through the tubes to a second set of bottles, the added weight of which
- 80 unbalances the see-saw apparatus so that it



- 81 tips over a number of bottles, causing them to spill out their liquid into a number of plexiglass recepticals in waterfall fashion such that,
- 82 using a string & pully system, the device opens the purple satin curtain, revealing a large silver gazing ball that is
- 83 sent rolling down a metal track (along the way releasing pulldown shades that have been decorated with Japanese springtime artwork) until the gazing ball
- 84 reaches the end of the metal track and hits a strike plate to
- release a small console TV set (which is playing the band's video for "Here It Goes Again" that won a Grammy for "Best Short-Form Music Video" in 2007) to
- 86 swing across to a catch stand where it is
- 87 demolished by an 8lb. sledge hammer (note the three TVs to the left of Dan for additional takes and the stack of 10 pre-smashed behind him) and the
- 88 sledge also causes the release of a globe so that it rolls down two shiny metal bars until it
- 89 falls into the metal collander attached via twine to a broom that
- 90 sweeps into a second globe sent rolling on a higher set of shiny metal bars until the globe
- 91 pulls the trigger to release the bungee cord slingshot device worn by Damian and
- 92 sending him flying backwards into a pile of cardboard boxes (an old stuntman trick) and then the globe proceeds to the end of its run where it
- 93 tips over the black paintcan tied to the roof so that it
- 94 swings toward the wall and
- 95 topples a large pyramid of orange flower pots (I counted 28 not including the target pot),
- 96 releasing the black & blue basketball to roll down the bars and
- 97 fall into the cage attached to the basketball goal to simultaneously
- 98 set off the shower of yellow ping-pong balls over Andy's head and
- 99 send the wooden wine barrel rolling down the ramp to
- 100 weigh down the push plate that
- 101 pulls the rope that
- releases the catch mechanism at the end of the chain holding the car on the ramp,
- 103 sending the car (hey! It's #88 just like the dune buggy in step #44 above) rolling down the ramp where the driver's sideview mirror
- 104 hits the purple swingarm decorated with caution tape and boxing gloves on both ends that
- pushes the bowling ball, sending it down the spiral ramp until it reaches the bottom and rolls a good 20-25 feet across the floor,
- 106 striking the red and white bullseye target that
- 107 engages the five sledge hammer knocker device so that it
- 108 knocks over the 4-drawer metal filing cabinet which



- 109 lands on the 2x10 wooden plank set as a fulcrum,
- 110 catapulting the red ball up to the ceiling and down with such force that it
- 111 knocks over the set of boards precariously holding up the blue 55-gallon drum which
- 112 falls to the floor and triggers a chain of items, including but not necessarily limited to
- 113 the flying white mannequin (no arms - they most likely broke off in earlier attempts),
- 114 drop and fall of a dozen or so black umbrellas, and
- 115 release of the red 55-gallon drum to roll down the steel pipe ramp
- 116 knocking down the stack of alluminum trash cans that, in their falling motion, accomplish multiple triggers such as
- 117 setting off a barrage of yellow paper airplanes (or perhaps were those manually tossed by the stage crew in the loft above?),
- 118 triggering yet another TV set to drop from the ceiling and via strings attachment
- 119 release the flood of celebratory yellow balloons and
- 120 unleash the fold-out sign that initally reads "Let it Go" to reveal "This Too Shall Pass", and finally
- the huge red ball with black polkadots is sent rolling down the track where it
- triggers the air-powered paint guns to completely cover the band members.

Now wasn't that simple enough?