

# We Hate Harvey!

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**Soloist.**

When the weather starts to storm,

**Men.**

We hate Harvey! We hate Harvey!

**Soloist.**

and the hurricanes do form,

**Men.**

We hate Harvey!

**Soloist.**

Then we find the wisest thing,

**Men.**

We hate Harvey! We hate Harvey!

**Soloist.**

Is to slap our chests and sing,

**Soloist & Men.**

We hate Harvey!

**Soloist.**

For when threatened with a flood,

**Men.**

We hate Harvey! We hate Harvey!

**Soloist.**

And your house is filled with mud,

**Men.**

We hate Harvey!

**Soloist.**

There is nothing you will lack

Houston's gonna have your back,

Houston's gonna have your back!

**Soloist & Tenors.**

We hate Harvey!

We hate Harvey! We hate Harvey!

We hate Harvey! We hate Harvey!

We hate Harvey! We hate Harvey!

We hate Harvey! We hate Harvey!

We hate Harvey! We hate Harvey!

We hate Harvey! We hate Harvey!

We hate Harvey! We hate,

We hate Harvey!

**Basses.**

We hate Harvey! We hate Har,

Har, Har, Har, Har,

Har, Har, Har, Har,

Har, Har, Har, Har,

Har, Har, Har, Har,

Har, Har, Har, Har,

Har, Har, Har!

We hate Havery! We hate,

We hate Harvey!

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**Soloist.**

Go, ye heroes in your bass boats,  
kayaks and canoes...whate'er floats,  
Save your neighbors in their raincoats:  
Go and from the waters pluck!  
Go to clean and tear out dry wall,  
Scrub, and don't forget the Lysol,  
For the mold can be so frightful:  
Go, ye heroes, go and muck!

**Ladies.**

Go, ye heroes, go and muck!  
Go, ye heroes, go and muck!

**Soloist.**

Though it really could be worse,

**Men.**

We hate Harvey! We hate Harvey!

**Soloist.**

And we feel the need to curse

**Men.**

We hate Harvey!

**Soloist.**

Such expressions don't appear,

**Men.**

We hate Harvey! We hate Harvey!

**Soloist.**

our insurance checks to clear!

**Men.**

We hate Harvey!

**Soloist.**

We need furniture, alack!  
Luckily there's Mattress Mack.

**Men.**

We hate Harvey! We hate Harvey! We hate Harvey!

**Soloist.**

Still it really could be worse  
yet we feel feel the need to curse:

**Men.**

We hate Harvey! We hate Harvey! We hate Harvey!

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## **Soloist.**

We are fans of Eric Berger  
and please don't forget Jeff Lindner  
We will read your blogs for ever.  
Go to glory as we rave!

## **Ladies.**

Go to glory as we rave!  
For your posts are never hype-y,  
Zero drama, never "yipe-y";  
Both on Zello and on Skype-y,  
All your forecasts do they crave.

## **Soloist.**

Houston Strong! It is our cry!  
We are thankful, by and by,  
For those guys in monster trucks  
Wading water like some ducks  
Heroes big and heroes small,  
There's not time to thank them all,  
For it really could be worse  
yet we feel the need to curse.

## **Tenors.**

Yes, it really could be worse

## **Soloist & Basses.**

yet we feel feel the need to curse.

## **Tenors.**

could be worse,

## **Soloist & Basses.**

need to curse;

## **Tenors.**

could be worse,

## **Soloist & Men.**

We want to curse!

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## Soloists.

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in your bass boats,

kayaks and canoes...  
whate'er floats,  
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in their raincoats:

Go and from the waters  
pluck!

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wall,

Scrub, and don't forget the  
Lysol,

For the mold can be so  
frightful:  
Go, ye heroes, go and  
muck!

Go, ye heroes, go and from  
the waters pluck!

Go, ye heroes, go and from  
the waters pluck!

Go to clean and tear out dry  
wall,  
Scrub, and don't forget the  
Lysol,  
Go, ye heroes, go and  
muck!

## Ladies.

Go, ye  
heroes

in your  
bass boats,  
Kayaks,

Canoes

whate'er floats,

Go to clean and tear out dry  
wall,

Scrub, and don't forget the  
Lysol,

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flood,

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Harvey!

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mud,

We hate Harvey!

There is nothing you will  
lack

Houston's gonna have your  
back,

Houston's gonna have your  
back! We hate Harvey!

We hate Harvey!

We hate Harvey!

We hate Harvey!

We hate Harvey!

We hate Harvey!

We hate Harvey!

We hate Harvey!

We hate Harvey!

We hate Harvey!

We've got your back!

There's nothing you will  
lack!

Oh, Houston's gonna have  
your back!

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## Soloist.

Hooray, Hooray!  
Donate today!  
They've bills to pay!  
Then don't delay!

Yes, we need more  
dough!

But we need more dough!

## Men.

Yes, yes, they go!  
We hate Harvey!  
We hate Harvey!  
All right, they go!  
Yes, forward with the  
dough,  
Yes, forward with the  
dough!  
They go, they go!  
Yes, forward with the  
dough,  
Yes, forward with the  
dough!  
They go, they go!  
They go!  
They go!  
They go! They go!  
They go! They go!

## Ladies.

Yes, forward with the  
dough,

They go, they go!  
Yes, forward with the  
dough!

At last they go!  
At last they go!  
At last they go!  
At last they really, really  
go!

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## Glossary

**Harvey** – Hurricane Harvey made landfall at Rockport, Texas, late on August 25, 2017, and over the course of the next week dumped over 50” of rain across large sections of the upper Texas coast, causing widespread flooding.

**Drywall** – Also known as sheet rock; panels made of gypsum and paper used in construction to make interior walls and ceilings.

**Lysol** – Brand of disinfectant.

**Mold** – One of the hazards in the aftermath of flooding is the formation of black mold, *Stachybotrys chartarum*, also known as *Stachybotrys atra*.

**Muck** – Clean up. Originally ‘muck out’, cleaning a stable. Volunteers organized ‘muck crews’ to help people affected by the floods.

**Insurance checks to clear** – Settlement money is deposited in one’s account.

**Mattress Mack** – Jim “Mattress Mack” McIngvale is Houston businessman and philanthropist who opened his Gallery Furniture stores as shelters to flood victims, and provided a host of material and monetary donations.

**Eric Berger** – Science writer for the *Houston Chronicle* and author at the blog Space City Weather, whose tagline is “Hype-free forecasts for greater Houston” (in contrast to the hysterics that are sometimes evinced by TV and Radio weathercasters).

**Jeff Lindner** – Meteorologist for the Harris County Flood Control District, whose calm demeanor and tireless presence on TV and radio at all hours inspired a GoFundMe campaign to give him a vacation, which he could not accept; instead, he turned the money over to flood victims.

**Zello and on Skype-y** - Two communication apps that were extensively used to coordinate rescuers and flood victims.

**Monster trucks** – Trucks that have been modified to have extra-tall clearance that were used to ford flooded streets to rescue people from flooded neighborhoods.

**Dough** - Slang for cash.