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Rock 'n' Roll Band

The poem "Rock 'n' Roll Band" by Shel Silverstein is about a group of children who dream of forming their own rock 'n' roll band. They imagine playing various instruments, performing, and experiencing the thrills of being musicians, even if they lack the actual instruments or skills.

If we were a rock 'n' roll band,
We'd travel all over the land.
We'd play and we'd sing and wear spangly things.
If we were a rock 'n' roll band.
If we were a rock 'n' roll band,
And we were up there on the stand,
The people would here us and love us and cheer us.
Hurray for that rock 'n' roll band.
If we were a rock 'n' roll band,
Then we'd have a million fans.
We'd giggle and laugh and sign autographs,
If we were a rock 'n' roll band.
If we were a rock 'n' roll band.
The people would all kiss our hands.
We'd be millionaires and have extra long hair,
If we were a rock 'n' roll band.
But we ain't no rock 'n' roll band,
We're just seven kids in the sand.
With homemade guitars and pails and jars
And drums of potato chip cans.
Just seven kids in the sand.
Talk'n and waven' our hands.
And dreamin' and thinkin' oh wouldn't it be grand,
If we were a rock 'n' roll band.



Questions

1. Who are the main characters in the poem?
2. What do the children in the poem want to become?
3. What instruments do they mention in the poem?
4. How do the children feel about their imagined band?
5. Do the children actually have the instruments they talk about?