

JOSHUA
 (face brightening)
 Look! There's the Ice-cream Man!!

He excitedly points.

ICE-CREAM MAN AND CARRIE LEE

Standing next to an ice-cream push cart, he's dressed in all-white, cap included. Already close-by, Carrie Lee walks up to him... He tips his hat to her.

ICE-CREAM MAN
 Well, howdy there, little girl,

CARRIE LEE
 (enthusiastically)
 Hi!

ICE-CREAM MAN
 Would you be standing there because
 you'd like a delicious ice-cream
 cone on this beautiful, sunny day?

CARRIE LEE
 Yes sir!!

ICE-CREAM MAN
 Well then! One ice-cream cone
 coming up!

He reaches inside the cart and pulls out an illuminated, green, sparkling ice-cream cone.

CARRIE LEE
 (astonished)
 Whoa!! How'd you do that?
 Sparklin' green ice-cream?!

ICE-CREAM MAN
 It's the only kind to eat, my
 friend. Good enough to make a
 bullfrog wanna croon a tune...
 Here you are!

He extends the cone to her. Carrie Lee suddenly remembers and pulls back her hand. She hangs her head down.

CARRIE LEE
 Oh, I forgot. I don't have no
 money.

ICE-CREAM MAN
 You don't need any money.

CARRIE LEE
I don't need no money?!

ICE-CREAM MAN
That's what I said.

The other kids arrive. Carrie Lee excitedly turns to them.

CARRIE LEE
He says you don't need no money!

CHILDREN
You don't need any money?!

ICE-CREAM MAN
Of course not! You're in
Children's World! Everything's
free here!

CHILDREN
EVERYTHING'S FREE?!

Astonished, they look at each other in disbelief.

CHILDREN (CONT'D)
We don't need any money because
everything's FREE!!

ICE-CREAM MAN
"Right on!"...
(scratching his head)
Or, is it -- "Left off?" I always
get those two mixed up.

STEVEN
(laughing)
It's "Right on!"

ICE-CREAM MAN
Oh, thank you. Right on! I must
remember that.

He goes into his cart again and hands out ice-cream cones.
All green, sparkling and illuminated!

GREGORY
Wow! It's just like my mom said!

ICE-CREAM MAN
As I was saying, we have no use for
money here. Money is the root of
all evil. Men rob to get it; kill
or get killed because of it. They
lust after and die for lack of it.
(MORE)

ICE-CREAM MAN (CONT'D)

Money creates thieves, murderers,
liars, cheaters and adulterers. It
causes haughtiness, hatred and
greed. You'll find none of these
things in Children's World. Here,
there's only love, laughter,
happiness, peace, joy and no money!

CHILDREN

AND NO MONEY?!

ICE-CREAM MAN

Nope! It can turn the prettiest
woman into a snake, or a church-
going man into a demon. He thinks
of all kinds of ways to get you!

JANA

Who?

ICE-CREAM MAN

The Green-eyed Monster. Who else?

CHILDREN

THE GREEN-EYED MONSTER?!!

JOEY

What's a green-eyed monster?

JANA

(teeth, chattering)

Does he bite?

ICE-CREAM MAN

You kids have got a lot to learn.

He steps from behind the ice-cream cart...

MUSIC INTRO: "THE GREEN-EYED MONSTER"

ICE-CREAM MAN (SINGS) (CONT'D)

(1a) In a pocket or hiding up a sock it can
lie next to your heart
In some cases the most unusual
places/ In a jar or somebody's yard

(1b) Cause oh, what a thrill it is
To drive a brand new car/ And to be
in mink and pearls/ Eating caviar-
ar-ar-ar
Folks love to look at him/ To touch
and hear him talk/ And the way he
spends their time/ They don't mind
being stalk-al-al-alked