

"Grignard Chemistry"



to the tune of "Who'll Stop The Rain"
by Creedence-Clearwater-Revival

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*Long as I remember, the chemistry walks on.
Big bang, atoms, glorious change - from metal getting gold.
Good men through the ages, tryin' to find the way;
And I wonder, yes I wonder, who'll stop chemistry.*

*I went down to Munich, learning what I need
to understand the mystery of Grignard chemistry.
Put some chips of magnesium to alkylhalide.
Dried ether brings the season that carbon turns around.*

*Let us try to look from here what the carbon do.
Charges want to change their signs from plus to minus too.
Some aldehyde we're taking and mix it in the bowl,
Sprinkle it with water and getting alcohol.*

(Who's gonna stop us now?)

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The video was inspired by Professor Otto Phanstiel's web page "Chemistry the Songs of our Lives".

Have fun!