Ra Ra Rasputin
Written by Frank Farian, Fred Jay and George Reyam & Hans-Jörg Mayer, performed by Boney M.

Riff 1 x4
*Melody for intro and instrumental* over the following chords:
Am /// Am /// Dm /// E7 / Am / x 2

[Am] Hey hey hey hey hey hey hey hey (x2)
[A] Hey hey [G] hey hey [F] hey hey [E7] hey hey (x2)

**BOYS:** [Am] There lived a certain man in Russia long ago
**GIRLS:** He was [Dm] big and strong, in his [E7] eyes a flaming [Am] glow
**BOYS:** Most people looked at him in terror and in fear
**GIRLS:** But to [Dm] Moscow chicks he was [E7] such a lovely [Am] dear
He could preach the bible like a preacher
[Dm] Full of ecstasy and [E7] fire
[Am] But he also was the kind of teacher
[Dm] Women [E7] would de-[Am] sire

**Chorus:**
**ALL:**
[G] There was a [D] cat that [A] really was gone
Ra Ra [C] Rasputin, [D] Russia's greatest [A] love machine
[G] It was a [D] shame how [A] he carried on

**BOYS:** [Am] He ruled the Russian land and never mind the Czar
**GIRLS:** But the [Dm] kasachok he danced [E7] really wunder-[Am] bar
**BOYS:** In all affairs of state he was a man to please
**GIRLS:** But he [Dm] was real great when he [E7] had a girl to [Am] squeeze
For the queen he was no wheeler dealer
[Dm] Though she'd heard the things he'd [E7] done
[Am] She believed he was a holy healer
[Dm] Who would [E7] heal her [Am] son

**Chorus**

**BOYS, spoken:**
[Am] But when his drinking and [G] lusting and his hunger
for [F] power became [G] known to more and [Am] more people,
[add GIRLS, quietly at first, getting louder: Hey hey etc...]
the demands to do something [G] about this outrageous

**ALL, getting louder:** [Am] Hey hey hey hey hey hey hey hey
Hey hey hey hey Hey STOP!
Instrumental:

*Melody for intro and instrumental* over the following chords:

Am /// Am /// Dm /// E7 / Am / x 2

**BOYS:** [Am] "This man's just got to go," declared his enemies
**GIRLS:** But the [Dm] ladies begged, "Don't you [E7] try to do it, [Am] please"

**BOYS:** No doubt this Rasputin had lots of hidden charms
**GIRLS:** Though he [Dm] was a brute they just [E7] fell into his [Am] arms
Then one night some men of higher standing

[Dm] Set a trap they’re not to [E7] blame [**BOYS:** We’re not to blame; we’re not to blame!]

[Am] "Come to visit us," they kept demanding

[Dm] And he [E7] really [Am] came

*As chorus:*

**ALL:** [A] Ra Ra [C] Rasputin, [D] lover of the [A] Russian queen

[G] They put some [D] poison [A] into his wine

[A] Ra Ra [C] Rasputin, [D] Russia's greatest [A] love machine

[G] He drank it [D] all and [A] said "I feel fine"


[G] They didn't [D] quit, they [A] wanted his head

Ra Ra [C] Rasputin, [D] Russia's greatest [A] love machine

[G] And so they [D] shot him [A] till he was dead [till he was dead] [till he was dead]

[Hah! Hah! Hah! Hah!]

*Spoken:* Oh, those Russians...
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