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- (1) There's **A**n-ti-mo-ny, **A**r-se-nic, **A**-lu-mi-num, **S**e-le-nium,  
And **H**y-dro-**gen** and **O**x-y-**gen** and **N**i-tro-**gen** and **R**he-nium  
And **N**ic-kel, **N**e-o-dy-mium, **N**ep-tu-nium, **G**er-ma-nium,  
And **I**-ron, **A**-mer-i-cium, **R**u-the-nium, **U**-ra-nium,
- (2) **E**u-ro-pium, **Z**ir-co-nium, **L**u-te-t(**s**)ium, **V**a-na-dium  
And **L**an-tha-num and **O**s-mium and **A**s-ta-tine and **R**a-dium  
And **G**old, **P**ro-tac-ti-nium and **I**n-dium and **G**al-lium (inhale)  
And **I**-o-dine and **T**ho-rum and **T**hu-lium and **T**hal-lium.
- (3) There's **Yt**(**It**)-trium, **Yt**(**It**)-ter-bium, **A**c-ti-nium, **R**u-bi-dium  
And **B**o-ron, **G**a-do-li-nium, **N**i-o-bium, **I**-ri-dium  
And **S**tron-tium and **S**i-li-con and **S**il-ver and **S**a-ma-rium,  
And **B**is-muth, **B**ro-mine, **L**i-thium, **B**e-ryl-lium and **B**a-rium.  
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- (4) There's **H**ol-mium and **H**e-lium and **H**af-nium and **E**r-bium  
And **P**hos-pho-rous and **F**ran-cium and **F**lu-o-rine and **T**er-bium  
And **M**an-ga-nese and **M**er-cu-ry, **M**o-lyb-di-num, **M**ag-ne-sium,  
**D**ys-pro-sium and **S**can-dium and **C**e-rium and **C**e-sium
- (5) And **L**ead, **P**ra-se-o-dy-mium, and **P**lat-i-num, **P**lu-to-nium,  
**P**a-la-dium, **P**ro-me-thium, **P**o-tas-sium, **P**o-lo-nium,  
And **T**an-ta-lum, **T**ech-ne-t(**s**)ium, **T**i-ta-nium, **T**el-lu-rium, (inhale)  
And **C**ad-mium and **C**al-cium and **C**hro-mium and **C**u-rium.
- (6) There's **S**ul-fur, **C**a-li-for-nium and **F**er-mium, **B**er-ke-lium  
And also **M**en-de-le-vium, **E**in-stei-nium, **N**o-be-lium  
And *Ar-gon*, *Kry-pton*, *Ne-on*, *Ra-don*, *Xe-non*, **Z**inc and **R**ho-dium  
And **C**hlo-rine, **C**ar-bon, **C**o-balt, **C**op-per, **T**ung-sten, **T**in and **S**o-dium.

These are the only ones of which the news has come to Harvard,  
And there may be many others but they haven't been discovered.

Note: There are several good YouTube videos to help learn this song. 'Tom Lehrer's "The Elements" animated' by TimwiTerby (Aug 19, 08) is particularly educational. Also, check out a video of Daniel Radcliffe (the actor who played Harry Potter) reciting this song as a party trick. He was quite good at it!

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- (1) There's **A**ntimony, **A**rsenic, **A**luminum, **S**elenium,  
And **H**ydrogen and **O**xygen and **N**itrogen and **R**henium  
And **N**ickel, **N**eodymium, **N**eptunium, **G**ermanium,  
And **I**ron, **A**mericium, **R**uthenium, **U**ranium,
- (2) **E**uropium, **Z**irconium, **L**utetium, **V**anadium  
And **L**anthanum and **O**smium and **A**statine and **R**adium  
And **G**old, **P**rotactinium and **I**ndium and **G**allium (inhale)  
And **I**odine and **T**horium and **T**hulium and **T**hallium.
- (3) There's **Y**ttrium, **Y**tterbium, **A**ctinium, **R**ubidium  
And **B**oron, **G**adolinium, **N**iobium, **I**ridium  
And **S**trontium and **S**ilicon and **S**ilver and **S**amarium,  
And **B**ismuth, **B**romine, **L**ithium, **B**eryllium and **B**arium.  
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- (4) There's **H**olmium and **H**elium and **H**afnium and **E**rbium  
And **P**hosphorous and **F**rancium and **F**luorine and **T**erbium  
And **M**anganese and **M**ercury, **M**olybdenum, **M**agnesium,  
**D**ysprosium and **S**candium and **C**erium and **C**esium
- (5) And **L**ead, **P**raseodymium, and **P**latinum, **P**lutonium,  
**P**aladium, **P**romethium, **P**otassium, **P**olonium,  
And **T**antalum, **T**echnetium, **T**itanium, **T**ellurium, (inhale)  
And **C**admium and **C**alcium and **C**hromium and **C**urium.
- (6) There's **S**ulfur, **C**alifornium and **F**ermium, **B**erkelium  
And also **M**endelevium, **E**insteinium, **N**obelium  
And **A**rgon, **K**rypton, **N**eon, **R**adon, **X**enon, **Z**inc and **R**hodium  
And **C**hlorine, **C**arbon, **C**obalt, **C**opper, **T**ungsten, **T**in and **S**odium.

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