

Wonderful Waterworks

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Chorus *group 1*: **Precipitation,
Evaporation,
Irrigation,
And even urination!**

group 2: **Condensation...
Dehydration,
Filtration**

all: **They're the works; they're the wonderful waterworks.**

Verse 1 *group 1*: **You push on the flush: it makes the toilet gush.
Sixty million people and an eight litre water rush
So many times a day, to take the smelly stuff away.**

group 2: **You fill up the bath to keep your body clean,
The dirty dishes need a wash; your clothes go in a
machine...**

big

You tug on the plug: it disappears with a 'glug'.

all: **They're the works; they're the wonderful waterworks.**

Now let me hear you say:

Chorus *group 1*: **Precipitation,**

group 2: **Condensation...**

Verse 2 *group 1*: **The cities were whiffy in eighteen-fifty-eight.
The great stink of London meant a capital disease rate,
The place to avoid: it gave you cholera and typhoid.**

group 1: **Oh, go with the
flow.
drink
Oh, go with the flow.
ground.**

group 2: **They filled up the Thames with pooey sewage, then
They took the dirty water back for washing and to
again.
Solutions were found, with pipes and tunnels under-**

all: **They're the works; they're the wonderful waterworks.**

Now let me hear you say:

Chorus *group 1*: **Precipitation,**

group 2: **Condensation...**

Verse 3 *group 1*: **Oh, go with the
flow.
Oh, go with the flow.**

group 2: **From rain into river; from reservoir to here.
(It takes a lot of piping and a really clever engineer)
And then down the drain, so they can clean it up again.**

all: **They're the works; they're the wonderful waterworks.**

Now let me hear you say:

Chorus *group 1*: **Precipitation,**

group 2: **Condensation...**

