

Old Man Atom

Sons Of The Pioneers

Hiroshima, Nagasaki, Alamogordo, BikiniI'm gonna preach you all a sermon

 About Old Man Atom, that's me

 I don't mean the Adam in the Bible datum

I don't mean the Adam that Mother Eve elatedI mean that thing that science liberated

 The thing that Einstein says he's scared of

 And when Einstein's scared

Brother, you'd better be scaredIf you're scared of the atom, here's what's you gotta do

 You gotta gather all the people in the world with you

 Cause if you don't get together and do it

Well, first thing you know I'm gonna blow this world plum tooHiroshima, Nagasaki, Alamogordo, BikiniNow

 life used to be such a simple joy

 My cyclotron was just a super toy

 And folks got born, they'd work and marry

 And "atom" was a word in the dictionary

And then it happenedThe science boys, from every clime

 They all pitched in with overtime

 And before they knew it

The thing was doneAnd they'd hitched up the power of the Golden Sun

 And put a harness on Old Sol

 Splittin' atoms

While the diplomats was splittin' hairsHiroshima, Nagasaki, Alamogordo, BikiniBut the atom's here in spite of
 hysteria

 Flourishes in Utah as well as Siberia

 And whether you're a black, white, red or brown

 The question is this, when you boil it down

To be or not to be, that's the questionThe answer to it all ain't military datum

 Like who gets there firstest with the mostest atoms

 No, the people of the world must decide their fate

They gotta get together or disintegrateI hold this truth to be self-evident

That all men may be cremated equalHiroshima, Nagasaki, Alamogordo, BikiniYes, it's up to the people
 Cause the atoms don't care

 You can't fence me in, I'm just like air

 I don't give a hoot about any politics

 Or who got what into whichever fixAll I want to do is sit around

And have my nucleus bombarded by neutronsNow the moral is this, just as plain as day

 That Old Man Atom is here to stay

 I'm gonna stick around and that's for true

 But, ah, my dearly beloved, are you?So listen folks, here is my thesis

Peace in the world or the world in piecesHiroshima, Nagasaki, Alamogordo, Bikini

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