The Great Unknown

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Once upon a time there was a nuclear family
And we lived in a family time, we'd unite in a family way
And off the ancient mountain, they were splitting every nucleus
But they said, "Don't be alarmed"
They said, "Just don't try this at home"And they were the mystery that made the world run
And we had the power 'cause they were the sun
And we called them our heroes and the future had come
They said, "Look at the light we're giving you
And the darkness that we're saving you from"And soon they were bringing it into our showrooms
And they'd unveil it with it's title
'Bring your family, bring your family, it's the great unknown'
You can look but you can't fathom, it's the great unknownI'm no ordinary princess, I was born in the cold war
And my team is the Rockets, go team, it's a dangerous time
And I dream of the moon and building lunar clone colonies
And I build my peace through strength
That's the best weapon you've gotOh, I am the brainchild, I am the mortar
With a plastic trophy and an eating disorder
And a vision as big as a great big wall
And they tell me that I'll move forward for the good of us all
And for the good of nuclear families allAnd they think I think I am important
I know I never was, I wasn't
No I never and how could I be? It's the great unknown
Now we've built it, now it's ticking, it's the great unknownAnd I am your children, and I am millions
And I wanted to sell out, I wanted to try
But you know that the sky got too low
And the ocean got too highAnd I, I had to take God into my own hands
Am I too late? Is it over?
Have I sacrificed my family to the great unknown?
There's a war between my conscience and the great unknownSo I walked out into the Gamma fields out in Mercury, Nevada
Where I stood in a circle and that circle started to pray
And now the wind at the nuclear test sights
Floats the data at the radiation, from the underground testing
Cross the line, you'll get arrestedAnd we came from all over in a silent appeal
As the drill comes down like a presidential seal
And we stand for the living and we stand for the dead
And we looked out to see your enemies
And we see that you're looking all at us insteadYou think I am being disruptive?
But no I'm running home, I'm running

'Cause I'm trying to put the atom back together, it's the great unknown
I'm just trying to put the atom back together, it's the great unknown

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