

The Future Soon

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Last week I left a note on Laura's desk
It said "I love you, signed Anonymous Friend"
Turns out she's smarter than I thought she was
She knows I wrote it, now the whole class does too
And I'm all alone during couple's skate
When she skates by with some guy on her arm
But I know that I'll forget the look of pity in her face
When I'm living in my solar dome on a black (ball?) in space
'Cause it's gunna be the future soon, I won't
always be this way
When the things that make me weak and strange are engineered away
It's gunna be the future soon I've never seen it quite so clear
When my heart is breaking I can close my eyes and it's already here
I'll probably be some kind of scientist
Building inventions in my space lab in space
I'll end world hunger, I'll make dolphins speak
Work through the daytime, spend my nights and weekends
Perfecting my warrior robot race
Building them one laser gun at a time
I will do my best to teach them about life and what it's worth
I just hope that I can keep them from destroying the earth
'Cause it's gunna be the future soon I won't always be
this way
When the things that make me weak and strange are engineered away
It's gunna be the future soon I've never seen it quite so clear
When my heart is breaking I can close my eyes and it's already...
Here on Earth they'll wonder
As I piece by piece replace myself
And the steel and circuits will make me whole
But I'll still feel all alone until Laura calls me home
I'll see her standing by the monorail
She'll look the same except her bionic eyes
She lost the real ones in the robot wars
I'll say "I'm sorry", she'll say "It's not your fault... or is it?"
She'll eye me suspiciously
Hearing the whirl of the servos inside
Then she'll scream and try to run but there's nowhere she can hide
When a crazy cyborg wants to make you his robot bride
Well, it's gunna be the future soon I won't always be
this way
When the things that make me weak and strange are engineered away
It's gunna be the future soon I've never seen it quite so clear
When my heart is breaking I can close my eyes, it's already here

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