

A PEACE SONG

Peace through disarmament, this is our slogan;

Peace through disarmament, this is our plea.

We, the responsible workaday people

War can outlaw, if determined we be.

We can achieve it,
We can achieve it;
We can have peace
If determined we be.

No more we'll listen to false propaganda;

So like ourselves are the folk over sea.

Fear leads to hatred, and hatred to slander;

All men are children of one family tree.

(Chorus)

Blackburn South
Victoria.

A. A. Hooke.

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"TALKING ATOM"

(Pete Seeger)

I'm gonna preach you a sermon 'bout old man atom
 Now I don't mean the Adam in the Bible
 Now I don't mean the Adam Mother Eve made it
 I mean that thing that science liberated.

Now, Einstein said he was scared
 If he's scared, boy I'm scared.

You know, life used to be such a simple joy
 The cyclotron was a super toy
 Folks got born, they'd work and marry
 And "atom" was a word in the dictionary.

Then it happened.

These science guys from every clime
 They all pitched in with overtime
 Before you knew it the job was done
 They'd bitched up the power of the dog-gone sun
 Put a harness on old sol
 Splitting atoms right and left, while the diplomats were
 splitting hairs.

'Course the Cartel crowd put on a show
 They're gonna turn back the clock on the U.N.O.
 Grab a corner on atoms and maybe extinguish
 Every dam atom can't speak English
 Down with foreign born atoms!
 America for American atoms!
 Step right up folks, let's atomize world peace!
 Ah, but the atom's international, in spite of hysteria,
 Flourishes in Utah, - also Siberia.

The atoms don't care about politics
 Or who got what into whichever fix
 All he wants to do is sit around and have his
 nucleus bombarded by neutrons.

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"TALKING ATOM" continued.....

Yes, it's up to the people, the atom don't care
 You can't fence him in, he's just like air,
 Whether you're white, black, red or brown
 The question is this when you boil it down
 "To be or not to be?" that is the question,
 Yes, and the answer to it all ain't military datum
 or who gets there firstest with the mostest atom
 But the people of the world must decide their fate
 You've got to stick together or disintegrate
 We hold these truths to be self-evident
 All men can be cremated equal.

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"SHALOM CHAVERIM"

Sung by the "Weavers" at a concert in Carnegie Hall, New York.
 "SHALOM" is a Hebrew term denoting "Hallo", "Goodbye", also
 "peace".

The Hebrew "CHAVER" means "FRIEND", perhaps the Australian
 "COBBER" derives from this source. The plural form of "CHAVER"
 is "CHAVERIM", thus "SHALOM CHAVER" translates as "Peace to you,
 friends".

SHALOM CHAVERIM. SHALOM CHAVERIM.
 SHALOM, SHALOM.
 LEHITRAOT, LEHITRAOT,
 SHALOM, SHALOM.

Glad tidings we bring
 Of peace on earth
 Goodwill towards men
 Of peace on earth
 Of peace on earth
 Goodwill towards men.

Pete Seeger)

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