

THEY WERE RIGHT

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I heard that fission plant was coming on line
This all came as quite a shock to me
I'd heard those rumors about sub-standard construction
And thought the Power Co. had gone crazy

I knew there was a move to try to stop it
There was a letter-writing campaign in my town
Imagine my surprise when right before my eyes
Chattanooga melted down

They were right, I shoulda wrote that letter
They told me so, I shoulda faxed that fax
I thought I was too busy to make a few phone calls
Now East Tennessee is somewhere near Iraq
And I don't believe it's ever coming back

Well, we'd been warned about that global warming
Resulting from the greenhouse effect
Because of thoses fossil fuels we were using
Someday the Earth would all burn up in heck

So I reduced my energy consumption
And meant to call my senator someday
But the heat wave in the skies made the oceans rise
Now the coast of Florida has washed away

They were right, I shoulda wrote that letter
They told me so, I shoulda made that call
But I was too darn busy to fax a little fax
And now Minnesota's awfully tropical, oh no
And Congressman swims round the Capitol