

FIREBALL

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Fourteen billion years ago a primal flaring-forth occurred
From primordial universe a billion galaxies emerged
Then Hydrogen and Helium, the elements of dawn
Finally Carbon and heavier elements began to form

CHORUS:

I come from a fireball, grandest fireworks of all
Every element in me is stardust in the Galaxy
I come from a fireball
I come from a fireball started from a part so small
Just a singularity, the rest, they say, is history
I come from a fire ball

Fourteen billion years of light and still we stumble in the dark
From the quantum vacuum into roses and a human heart
Cosmic history unfolds, round and round and round it goes
Expanding wider, wider still and where it stops, nobody knows

REPEAT CHORUS

Only five billion years ago our sun was born
Only billions more til it burns down and out!

Fourteen billion years of wonder, still we marvel at the show
Through our history we wander, thinking there's no place else to go
Tiamat, Prospero, Kronos, Argos, Capaneum
No one has seen it all before, we are the first generation!

REPEAT CHORUS