

1. Gagarin (Beyond Blue Sky)

by Phil Cummings

from the SPACE RACE song cycle

Verse 1

Back in April nineteen sixty one
Yuri Gagarin was the chosen one
To climb through a cold silver door
And go where no one had gone before

Verse 2

A farmer's son, a humble man
Childhood memories of dirt on his hands
Standing and gazing at the starry skies
Worlds of wonder there behind his eyes

Chorus

*The first to fly beyond air
The first to fly beyond blue
To drift in endless dark space
That surrounds me and you
The first to take a breath
Where none can ever breathe
To live a dream, a powerful dream
And make a world believe...
in endless possibilities*

Verse 3

Around the world humanity stood
All waiting, wondering if he could
Survive the flames of wild fire
As the rattling rocket roared higher and higher

Verse 4

Vostok soared beyond atmosphere
Gagarin shouted for the world to hear
For the first time in history
A man saw fragile humanity

Chorus

Interlude

Gagarin returned to Earth
To the water, the air, the dirt
To a world that began to dream
To work, to imagine, to scheme
To ponder, to study, to strive
For the conquest beyond blue sky

Verse 5

Vostok soared beyond the atmosphere
Gagarin shouted for the world to hear
For the first time in history
A man saw fragile humanity

Verse 6

In vast darkness blacker than the night
A fragile planet bathed in light
The land, the rivers and the sea
Earth spins ... precariously

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