

3. The Children of the World (July 1969)

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from the SPACE RACE song cycle

Verse 1

For children in nineteen sixty nine
There were new games to play
To the children of that far off time
There was wonder in that July Day

Verse 2

A rocket flew with fire and flame
Across a wide open sky
On TV screens around the world
Children saw that rocket fly

Chorus 1

Young hearts beat a rhythm
Great minds played their part
Young hearts beat a rhythm
Great minds played their part
The children of the world held their breath
As Armstrong placed a print upon their hearts

Verse 3

At night the children gazed at the stars
Their faces lit by silver moonlight
And tried to imagine the the view
Of those on that Apollo flight

Verse 4

Kids flew missions to save the world
Created games, stories and schemes
Their bikes flew like asteroids
Treehouses were rockets in dreams

Chorus 2

Interlude

The children of the world in streets everyday
Saw flickering screens in shop window displays
Photos without colour on newspaper spreads
Books about space strewn across beds

Chorus 3

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Great minds played their part
Young hearts beat a rhythm
Great minds played their part
The children of the world held their breath
As Armstrong placed a print upon...

Chorus 4

Outro

Ah...young hearts

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