


A History of
the Universe
And other Christmas Legends



As Told Through Ten Simple Songs:

One for Each of your Fingers or Toes

And Six Songs For "Digital" Violin And Piano

One for Each of your Eyes or Ears

ALL MUSIC COURTESY OF ONE ROLAND SC-7 SOUND MODULE AND ONE YAMAHA QY-10 "MULTI-TIMBRAL" SEQUENCER



The Ten Simple Songs:

Side 1:

1 The Big Bang

Time: 5:50

The Big Bang

If the Universe were to explode and no one were there to hear it, would it actually make a **sound?**

Birdstorm 1 & 2

Rover's attempt at attacking the newly-created finch colony is foiled by his apparent lack of wings.

Breathy Thunderburst

The Choir Chimes In

The diatonic scale is created and exploited by the Christian rock group "Protons less Anti-matter" in this hymn dedicated to bacterial family values.

And Now a *Double* Choir

Ooh aah, doo dahh, the Big Bang did it to us ahlll.

2 Atomic Respite with Keyboard Effects

Time: 6:50

Atom Smashers from Hell

A pretty part of the song.

The Nebulae Coalesce

The Piano Kicks In

First thing god did after movin' into the new universe was to get an old upright for the unused corner in the spare bedroom.

Galaxy Mutation

New 88 Theme

Tutti 2

3 Voices From Albanon

was a tiny land very south of Hades right next to the former Jugoslesslevel. It was claimed to be owned by Zorban Greasy, but that myth was always spoon fed Turkey, which otta, man, not count. Don't balk on it, or the Albanonions might get a free walk to first base, where they would undoubtedly feast upon the lechery of pindoreen's lox.

Time: 4:42

Cosmopolitan Cosmos
Goin' Down To the Depths
It is Written, It is Frettin' [Over What was
Wrought...]
Finale d' _____

4 Rock Music Can Make Your Hair Fall Out

A quote, circa. 1956.

Time: 6:00

Theme 1
Intro and Theme 2
Churchy Syncopate
Return to 2
Mellow Melon
Pick Up The Beat
New Sound
Enough Already



5 Untitled Light Mew {Sic}

Time: 4:34

Harpo Marxo
Duh Dee Duh Duh
Combo de Couture

6 God and Mr. Franklin Spend a Day In Berkeley

Percussive Fantasie for this New Age.

Time: 6:02

Ben Franklin, mysteriously reincarnated, finds himself on Shattuck Avenue in Berkeley. No one notices!

The Troops Come out in Full

They **MUST** protect People's Park!

Melody D'Amour

Chaos at the Campanile!

A Republican was spotted in their midst!

Order is Restored

The Latté truck delivered the double cappuccino just in time to prevent a **real disaster!**

And You Thought it Was Over...

But Berkeley just goes on and on!

7 Anotherone's Dead

Time: 5:17

Dirge
Despair
Resignation, yup
Dirge 2
Borgadine
(I made up that word in Ernest.)
Post Script



8 At the Ash Scattering

Time: 3:28

Theme Morose
A Little Lighten Up
Depressive Return

9 Toward the End of *The Twentieth Century* ©

Time: 8:23

Side 2:

It's Minimal, Madge. Inspired by listening to John Adams' "Hoodoo Zephyr" (title song from the CD), available on the Elektra Nonesuch label. Check it out. He has MORE synthesizers and MIDI toys than the artist in residence here. Other Adams' credits include operas "Nixon in China," "The Death of Klinghoffer," and assorted pieces for **LIVE** orchestras.



PROLOGUE to THE CHRISTMAS MUSIC

The Truth About Xmas was a story originally written in 1982 or '83, or one of those early Reagan years. Either you remember it or you don't (maybe you never got a copy--it's outta print now). Its premise was that Santa Claus was from Outer Space (**oh no**, not another one of **those** stories) and, evil thing we know him to be, he had set up shop at the North Pole, kidnapped children (particularly Canadians), turned them into "Elf" slaves, and forced them to toil to make toys that were sold,

cheaply, to department stores in North America. It was not intended to be an early anti-NAFTA allegory, although it is rumored that Mr. Claus might consider moving shop to Antarctica to take advantage of better winter weather there, which is actually summer. Well, it may have been a dorky story, but it inspired this musical piece.



10 The Truth About Xmas

Time: 27:23

December in Canada

"You would cry, too, if it happened to you!" --L.

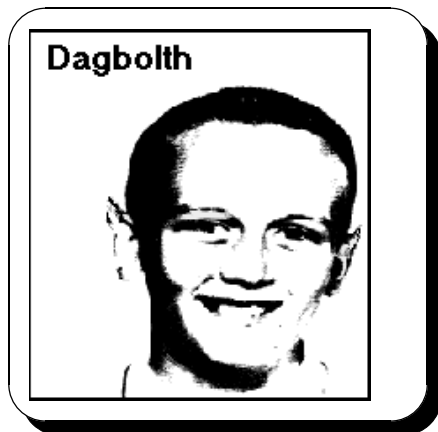
Gore, March, 1963

Evening Ice Storm

Canada has more ice storms than Cockneys have liverpools.

Reading Christmas Catalogs by Fireplace Light

Greed absorption while in the literary Wards ward.



Is Someone at the Window?

Ice crystals block the scrutiny of Nick's Jolly Face.

Abduction by Santa Claus!

St. Claus does his thing and gets yet another Manitoban!

Enslavement!

The hero's renamed "Dagbolth" and given his elf cap. Gets a job in the Barbie Doll Factory.

At Work With the North Pole Choir

Forced singin' with cynical overtones...

Escape Plot

Dagbolth joins the Elf Underground.

Asleep in the Barracks

Nightmares haunt the eight year old minions!

Waltz of the Slave Elves

Christmas Eve

Mobocracy at the Pole Launch Site!

Santa's Ready for Liftoff

The spectacle of ironic coldness interspersed
with toy trains.

The Elves Get a Handle {sic} on The
End of Their Toils

A tip of the hat to all Germans who've once lived
in England in order to make a living.

Waiting at the Barbie Doll Factory

Dagbolth's nerves're on edge!

The North Pole Revolution is Begun

Prepubescent all heck breaks loose and rides the
woggle to anarchy.

Carnage in Toyland!

Register Cap Guns, not Lincoln Logs.

Dagbolth Is Rescued by Superman

It was a popular movie back then.

Back In Canada, with the Ice



Six Songs for "Digital" Violin and Piano

Digital violins, or at least on my sound module, don't sound the most realistic in the world, and, quite honestly, they sound better before they are put on recording tape! But, I really needed something to fill up most of side two, so you can choose to listen to this and pretend it's a real violin or not. It's your call. The piano sounds are much closer to what one would expect.

1. Samstag fruh (Saturday Morning)
Time: 2:33
2. Brunch - Grits and Gruel
Time: 1:16
3. A Walk in the Park - Grit Bloat
Time: 2:23
4. Children in the Park
Time: 2:11
5. The Rented Mystery Movie
Time: 2:44
6. Singin' for Supper (Finale)
Time: 3:06