

## 1. Gagarin (Beyond Blue Sky)

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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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