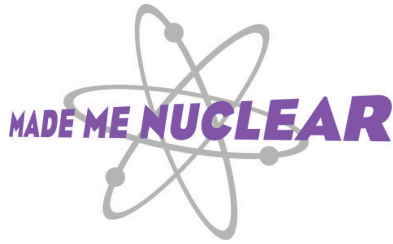


The Complete Lyrics to Made Me Nuclear
written by: Charlie Lustman



The Call

written by: Charlie Lustman

Almost everyone I've known's been afraid of the call
Then my phone rings and he tells me it's all gonna change
So I listen to the doctor but I don't hear anymore
As he tries to explain I am standing unable to move

The moment that he told me it felt like someone shot me
Frozen like a snowman in the cold
And when I put the phone down I felt my body trembling
thinkin' is this really happening to me

Now the hardest thing to do
is to tell who you love the news
'Cause you know that the words,
"I've got cancer" will scare them to tears
But my fragile wife who's pregnant
carrying our second child
She was brave and courageous
and held me to ease all my fears

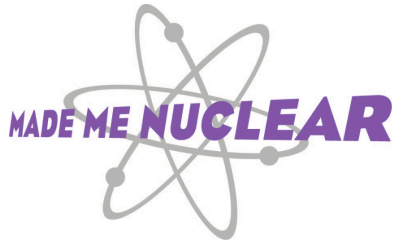
And there we were like children holding hands and cryin'
shipwrecked on an island desperately
Then my son came runnin' laughin' loud and jumpin'
right into my arms and asking me...

Daddy can we go outside to play
Take me to the playground it's a sunny day
Son I wish I could but daddy's not so well
Promise I will take you when daddy's feeling better

Never been so helpless
Always been the leader
Now I don't know who or where to turn
Sitting in my bedroom watching all the memories
play inside my head when my son came in and said

Daddy can we go outside to play
Take me to the merry-go-round it's a sunny day
Son I wish I could but daddy's not so well
Promise I will take you when daddy's feeling better

Almost everyone I've know's been afraid of the call



Made Me Nuclear

written by: Charlie Lustman

Come on in sit down she said - have you ever seen this bed
No it's really strange - it looks like a space age dream
Well don't be scared it won't take long
we can play your favorite songs -
just relax and close your eyes

Well it sounded like a machine gun - wasn't even close to fun
Had my arms above my head like they arrested me
Now it's time to take some more -
doctors need more to explore
Come this way inside my room

And they shot me - made me nuclear
And they told me it would make me glow
Yes they proudly radiated me -
wanna see right through my bones

Took me down a hallway floor -
looked just like a psycho ward
Underneath the hospital like a bomb shelter
And there I was in a movie scene -
right in front of a time machine
H.G. Wells would sure be proud

'Cause they shot me - made me nuclear
And they told me it would make me glow
Yes they proudly radiated me -
wanna see right through my bones

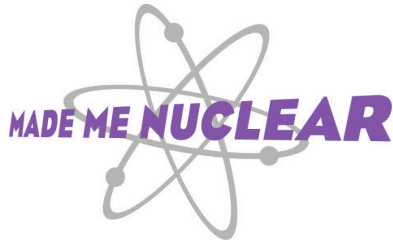
And when they looked at the photographs of the alien
Well it was plain to see the stranger inside me was following me

So they sent me back to go - back into my civil clothes
And they told me stay away from your lovely wife
Yes they put me through the scans -
now I'm a sub atomic man
I'm a human mobile phone

Cause they shot me - made me nuclear
And they told me it would make me glow
Yes they proudly radiated me
wanna see right through my bones
promised me when I got home

that I wouldn't feel a thing they scanned
but I can light a light bulb in my hand

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Dr. O

written by: Charlie Lustman

Tell me where am I to go now that I know I'm in trouble
Do you have a name of someone from the bible
Someone you can trust with years of admiration
Well there's not too many hands can do this operation

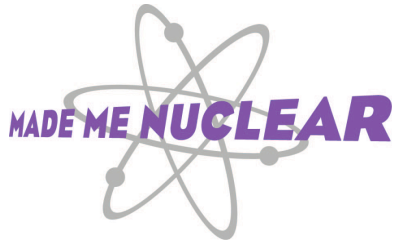
Tell me who
Tell me who is highly regarded
And who will know where this started
Do you know Dr. O?

When he came into the room I had so many questions
I said, "show me your degree"
I was head of the inspections
Well he looked me in the eyes
and knew what I was dealing with
and he told me that he knew the feelings I was feeling
and he said

He once was where I'm standing now
they told him they did not know how
And so he said he must believe in something more than what they see
in Dr. O

He said take a second opinion
Wait before you make a decision
I know it's hard to figure out what everything is all about
I'm here to help you when you need me

Dr. O
Yes they say he's amazing, a prodigy
Do you think you can save me from what they see
Dr. O
Led the people from the holy land, show me the way
He's the only one who understands what I'm trying to say
Dr. O
When he came into the room, made me feel good
Felt like someone that I've known before in my neighborhood
He's Dr. O



Are You Afraid

written by: Charlie Lustman

Why am I so afraid to die
Well I don't have an easy answer to
Something everyone will have to do
me and you

Why am I so afraid to go
Well I don't know where I am going to
And when I think about it
I get so scared about it
Because I fear what I don't know

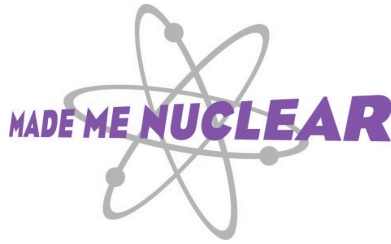
Are you afraid
I understand what you're afraid of
I'm here to hold you when you need love
everyday I'm here to stay
I will comfort you in every way when you're afraid

I still remember long ago
They told me things that had me terrified
And when I thought about it
I wished I was without it
'cause I grew up with so much pain

Are you afraid
I understand what you're afraid of
I'm here to hold you when you need love
everyday I'm here to stay
I will comfort you in every way when you're afraid

What is the meaning of this life
We get so little time to figure out
Well all I want is you to hold me for eternity

Then I am not afraid to die



Surreal To Me

written by: Charlie Lustman

They read my pathology and they planned my maxillectomy for Monday
And I swear it was so bizarre when I opened up my eyes
I couldn't say
anything to anyone -
my jaw was closed from what they'd done
Thank god my wife was next to me
or I'd have gone quite mentally
Oh man it's so surreal to me

We slept in an old hotel to be close to when they told us if they got it all
And I limped through the gardens
like a movie star from 1949
Thinking of my life and my children -
will I still be there for them
Thinking of my wife and my friends -
and will I ever sing again

Oh man it's so surreal to me - the life we've got
One day you are in control then suddenly you're not

So they took me back to lay -
back on the table with the fancy clothes they gave me
'Cause they said that the story wasn't over
till the villain he was gone
We had to wait again so patiently
and held each other endlessly
Until they called us back to say they see the cells inside were cancer free

Oh man it's so surreal to me - the life we've got
One day you are in control then suddenly you're not

...and he said

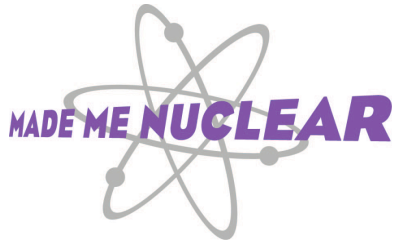
And the doctor said I hope you're feeling better soon
so we can start your treatment right away
You see we want to make sure
so we planned a year of chemo for your birthday

Now the world is a hotter place
'cause they tell us it's a state of global warming
And they fight in the middle east
like they used to do a thousand years ago
I see now everything so differently -

I thought I knew where I would be
But something else from up above
can take away the things you love

Oh man it's so surreal to me - the life we've got
One day you are in control then suddenly you're not

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The Only Way

written by: Charlie Lustman

Just don't know what I'm gonna do
they tell me things I can't believe it's true
That if I want a better chance to live
I've got to follow the advice they give

They say the situation can be dire
this may have spread just like a forest fire
So twenty rounds of chemotherapy
that is the answer that they have for me

Is it the only way the only way
to stop the cells inside that threaten me
so I can be there for my family

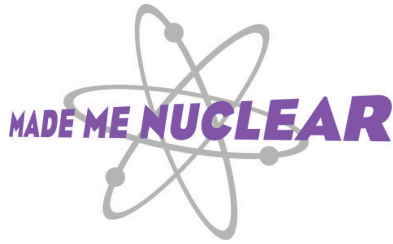
I heard about a place in Mexico
where they can alter you from head to toe
People been going there since the seventies
but nothing comes with any guarantees

Is it the only way the only way
to stop that cell inside that threatens me
so I can be next to my family

Why not try extracts from the Amazon
and shots of wheat grass till the threat is gone
And search for healers down in India
find the antidote in Africa

The doctor says I've got no time to lose
the day has come for me and I must choose
So twenty rounds of chemotherapy
if that's what the scientists have found to be

The only way the only way
to win the battle that's inside of me
so I must do this for my family



Stickin' Around

written by: Charlie Lustman

So we jumped into a limo on my 41st birthday
and drove to Vegas to see friends
who work in the Cirque Du Soleil
And we went into the studio
to spread a little jam before my chemo

Don't care what cha gonna do
Just as long as it keeps me close to you
Don't care if you bring me down
You see I'm stickin' around

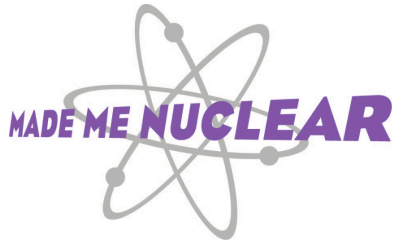
Stuck a tube into my arm for the drugs they were dealin'
And I watched the bottle drip like a leak from the ceilin'
The tick tock from the hanging clock
hung around for hours till the last drop

Don't care what cha gonna do
Just as long as it keeps me close to you
Don't care if you knock me down
You see I'm stickin' around

Then it hit me Yes it hit me
like a locomotive train out of control
And it left me totally stoned

Now they call it adjuvant it's a kind of insurance
It's the ultimate cleanser test your will of endurance
And the worst of the side effect
only briefly damages your intellect

Don't care what cha gonna do
Just as long as it keeps me close to you
Don't care if ya knock me down
You know I'm stickin' around



Come Inside

written by: Charlie Lustman

Come inside and sit for a while
and leave your worries behind you
Come and stay as long as you like
so you can journey to find you

Close your eyes and try to stop yourself from thinking
See the sun arise and light the world you live in

Come inside and sit for a while
and let the atmosphere feel you
Come inside and pray if you like
and the highest power will heal you

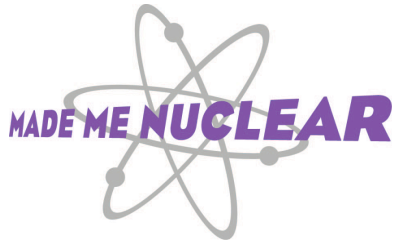
Free yourself from chains and set your child in motion
Let your river flow down into your ocean

And you will feel better
You will get better
You will do better
So much better

Now the hands of time have given you the freedom
peace and love live inside your kingdom

Come inside and sit for a while
behold the beauty around you
Come inside so we can get high
so nice that you lost and found you

And you will feel better
you can feel better
yes you know better
you're getting better so much better
yes you'll do better
help you get better
to help you get better
feel yourself better
yes you'll do better
getting much better
oh better much better
yes you're feeling so much better



Chemo Brain

written by: Charlie Lustman

Baby it's not strange the things I do
For a guy who's had a dose or two
Sorry I forgot the chicken cookin' on the range
And I would have burned the kitchen down if you
had not come back from town

Chemo brain chemo brain
Don't get mad at me
Baby can't you see I'm not to blame
It's chemo brain

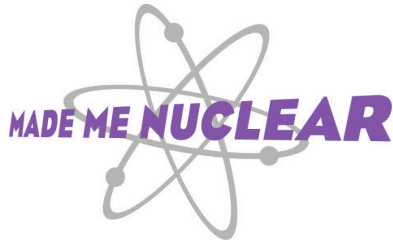
Yes the doctor warned us of this state
Happens to the best of us they say
So come on honey please be patient
you know it's not my fault
And I feel like such a fool
forgetting to pick up our son from school

Chemo brain chemo brain
Don't get mad at me
Baby can't you see I'm not to blame
It's chemo brain

It makes you do things that you would not have done at all
It's such a good excuse to use

Yes I'd like the lobster live from Maine
Caviar and Dom Perignon champagne
Must have been the finest meal that I ever had
And I left as happy as a clam but I forgot to pay the man

Chemo brain chemo brain
Don't be hard on me
Judge can't you see I'm not to blame
It's chemo brain - it makes you do things
that you would not have done at all
It's such a good excuse
Chemo brain chemo brain
Don't be sore at me
Darlin' can't you see I'm not the same...it's chemo brain



Somebody New

written by: Charlie Lustman

I finished what they said I had to do
and right before my life turned forty two
They said that I was clean and cleared to go
back to the outside world I used to know

But I can't go back to where I was 'cause
...I'm somebody new

Before this happened to me I was stressed
my life in general was such a mess
But I kept doing things that made me fall
until the day that I received the call

Now I can't go back to what I'd done
No I can't rewind the tape that's spun
...I'm somebody new

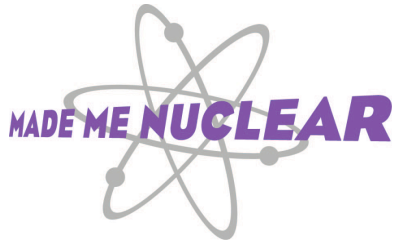
'Cause after everything that I've been through
I see the valley from a different view
and I'm riding sliding home to you as somebody new

Funny what a lot of pain can give
A whole new meaning to the life we live
Now I appreciate the life I've got
I plan to live it and to love a lot

So I can't go back and be the angry man
'cause I've come inside and now I've got a peaceful plan
for somebody new
'Cause after everything that I've been through
I see the planet from a different view
and I'm riding gliding home to you
As somebody new

Now Dr. O will scan me quarterly
until he's sure that I am cancer free
Back to the hospital and wait in line
so he can nuke my body one more time

But I can't complain of what they done to me
'cause I'm still around and got some extra time to be
somebody new...brand new...somebody new



Just When I Needed You

written by: Charlie Lustman

Just when I needed you
You came into my world
I know you heard me from
inside your mother's womb

...and did you know

I saw your face on that screen
laughing at me
And you made your mother cry
while I had to hide what was going on

Just when I needed you
You came into my world
I know you heard me from
inside your brother's room

...and so we moved

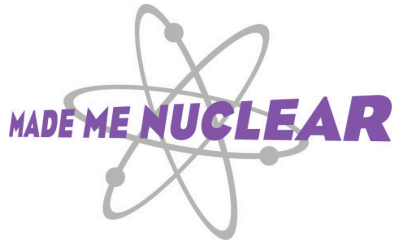
Yes we moved to a home
to give you more room to roam
And you pushed the golden door
even though you had five weeks more to go

Born upon a Sunday on a summer afternoon
Little angel of me born three floors above me

It's been a year since you came
and baby Gita I must say
That you give me hope and joy
and you helped my wife and boy
to make it through

Just when we needed you
You came into our world
I know you heard us from
inside the waiting room

Just when I needed you



Do What You Love

written by: Charlie Lustman

Do what you love
Love what you do
Love all you can
I'm waiting for you to...
Do what you love
There's no other way
So don't be afraid
Just take everyday
And do what you love

Life is such a big surprise
You never know what lies right up ahead
So make your plans but don't forget to...

Do what you love
Love what you do
Love all you can
I'm waiting for you to...
Do what you love
There's no other way
So don't be afraid
Just take everyday
And do what you love

Got so many bills to pay
and debts to weigh me down
for the rest of my life
So why not pay them doing the things you love

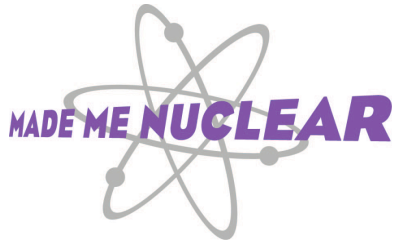
And if you don't know what you love to do
Well then just picture you as a kid
Then you'll know so...

Don't wait for the lights to change
or something strange to happen to us all
This is the time to take control and...

Do what you love
Love what you do
Love all you can
It's all up to you to...
Do what you love
There's no other way

and don't be afraid
Just take
And do what you love

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Simple Song

written by: Charlie Lustman

How do I thank you for all that you've given to me
so grateful to be
And how do I show you my gratitude towards you
for standing by me in my time of need

Just a simple song is all I know
and what I have to play for you today
and I hope that's ok

I need to thank you
the doctors and nurses who helped me get through this
from down on my knees and back on my feet

And all of my family and friends who were there for me
yes it was crazy the scene was I know
but you held me close

And these simple songs are all I know
and what I have to sing for you today
and I hope it's ok
yes I hope that's ok

And you know I will be there when you need me too
All that we have in the end is each other my friend

I need to tell you how deeply I love you
for you live the words that you said
on the day that we wed

And these simple songs are all I know
and what I have to give the world today
and I hope it's ok
yes I hope it's ok
Yes I hope that's okay