

Chad Mitchell Trio

"The Great Historical Bum"

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by Woody Guthrie

I was born about ten thousand years ago
There ain't nuthin' in this world that I don't know
I saw Peter Paul and Moses playin' ring-around-the-
roses
And I'll whup the guy what says it isn't so

Well, I'm just a lonesome traveler, a great historical
bum
Highly educated through history I have come
I built the Rock of Ages, it was in the year oh one
And that's about the biggest thing that Man has ever
done

I saw Adam and Eve driven from the door
I'm the guy that picked the figleaves that they wore
And from behind the bushes peepin' saw the apple they
was eatin'
And I swear that I'm the one that et the core

Now I built the garden of Eden, it was in the year oh two
Joined the apple-pickers union and I always paid my
dues
I'm the man that signed the contract to raise the risin'
sun
And that's about the biggest thing that Man has ever
done

I taught Samson how to use his mighty hand
I showed Columbus to this happy land
And for Pharaoh's little kiddies I built all the
pyramiddies
And to the Sahara carried all the sand

Now I was strawboss on the pyramids and the tower of
Babel too
I opened up the ocean, let the mighty children through
I fought a million battles and I never lost a one
And that's about the biggest thing that Man has ever
done

I taught Solomon his little ABC's
I'm the first one to eat Limburger cheese
And while floating down the bay with Methuseleh one
day
I saw his whiskers floating in the breeze

Now I fought the revolution that set this country free
It was me and a couple of Indians that dumped the
Boston tea
I won the battle of Valley Forge and the battle of Bully
Run
And that's about the biggest thing that Man has ever
done

Now Queen Elizabeth she fell in love with me
We were married in Milwaukee secretly
But I got tired and shook her and ran off with General
Hooker
To go shootin' skeeters down in Tennessee

[Repeat first two verses]

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