

## **hank green**

### **"Fermi Paradox"**

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In 1950, at Los Alamos, a scientist was talking with his  
friends  
And the conversation had them all fully engrossed  
About this universe that almost has no ends  
And as they were all about to return to their study  
Enrico suddenly shouted "Where is everybody?"  
And he worked out a few simple calculations  
That indicated we should have been visited thousands  
of times  
At least, based on his estimations  
(chrous)  
Oh, that's the Fermi Paradox  
If they're out there, why don't we hear 'em talk?  
The galaxy just keeps on spinnin'  
With four hundred billion stars in it  
And I just can't believe that we could be unique  
When there's so much space in this galaxy  
Oh, I want Pandora's Box  
To be open, but instead we're stuck in Fermi's Paradox  
There are dozens of ways this paradox might be  
resolved  
And you probably can think of some yourself  
Maybe civilizations very rarely evolves  
Or maybe god sent them all to hell  
Or maybe advanced technology leads to its own  
destruction  
Or maybe species lose interest in reproduction  
Or maybe they're just afraid of what we'll do when we  
find out  
So, they're hiding until we grow a bit and don't have the  
same tendency to frequently freak out  
(second chorus)  
Oh, that's the Fermi Paradox  
If they're out there, why don't they talk?  
The galaxy just keeps on spinnin'  
With four hundred billion stars in it  
And I just can't believe that we could be unique  
When there's so much space in this galaxy  
Oh, I want Pandora's Box  
To be open, but instead we're stuck in Fermi's Paradox  
Oh, the question of whether there is more life out there

As far as I'm concerned, is moot  
But it appears that the aliens do not use Foursquare  
And, no, I'm not trying to be cute  
Because the way that we listen is defined by our ears  
And the time that we've been listening just a couple  
dozen years  
We'll be lucky when we see them if we notice them at  
all  
Our cosmic phone could be ringing off the hook right  
now, and we're just not answering the call  
(second chorus)  
Oh, yeah, we're stuck in Fermi's Paradox  
Oh, no, we're stuck in Fermi's Paradox  
Oh, no, we're stuck in Fermi's Paradox

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