

## Frederic Rzewski

### "Three Mile Island"

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Kids in the schoolyard, cows in the field  
In a Pennsylvania town it's another day  
But at Three Mile Island something was wrong  
In the power plant not two miles away  
A valve jammed open and the holding tanks blew  
And the leak spread for miles around.  
With a bubble of hydrogen trapped under the dome  
That plant damn near melted down.

CHORUS:

Three Mile Island blew down their lies  
Next time it happens how many will die?  
Got our eyes on the future, got our feet on the ground  
Gonna shut down the nukes, shut 'em down  
Shut down the nukes, shut 'em down.  
Metro Edison said one thing, the feds the reverse  
The TV and press had their fun  
Out of all the confusion just one thing came through  
No one knew what the hell was going on.

Evacuation would have ended the game  
So they said there was no reason to go  
But they didn't say too much about the workers at the  
plant  
Who as always caught the brunt of the blow.

CHORUS

The sun it shines, the wind it blows  
There's a thousand different ways to save fuel  
So when some corporation tells me we got no choice  
They might as well be calling me a fool.  
They say the system worked and no one was killed  
They say they'll make 'em safer than before  
But they're gambling with our children and they're  
gambling with the world  
And their money don't seem worth dying for.

CHORUS

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