

# Trade War

Van Dyke Parks

Mister Ford says to Mister Firestone  
When they meet at the old campground  
We will send out the news by wire and  
Tell all the people what we have found

We can ask Thomas Alva Edison  
Telephone Alexander Graham Bell  
And if someone comes here with something to sell  
Just make yourself clear and tell him to go straight to hell

Trade war  
For your peace and our protection  
Give us speed and new direction  
Someone needs to mind the store

Trade war  
As is mentioned in the bible  
Nations tend to what is tribal  
Across the ocean white with foam  
Spend your dollars here at home

Mister Ford turns to Mister Firestone  
Well the nation has gotta roll  
Time has come for the Yanks to load up the tanks  
If a victory is our goal

To show the world all about free enterprize  
Cut the competition down to size  
We must make it a date to participate in cooperation  
We are a nation at war

Trade war  
We are thinking of survival  
At the brink with each new rival  
Here to even up the score

Trade war  
Competition now is global  
Give your country what is noble  
If you're an eagle you must soar  
We are a nation as at war

There's a bomber up in the sky tonight  
Cause the two brothers Wright took flight  
Man has gone to the air to keep the world fair  
Show the others where might makes right

When you look up in the wild blue yonder now  
And see a star or a satelllite  
On a Yankee's invention it may depend  
So lend us your spirit bright

Trade war  
Don't sell land to the invader  
Tell him come back maybe later  
We don't do that anymore

Trade war  
Thanks to our man Ronald Reagan  
He is gone and we are begging  
For just the interest on the loan  
And calamity unknown

Trade war  
For our lands and independence  
For our children and descendants  
We must hold them at the door

Trade war  
And the sparks have started flying  
Though your heart says you're denying  
Our love for all humanity  
It's what keeps us breathing free

Trade war  
Make it legal make it tender  
May our nation not surrender oh no  
For just one race to rule the world  
Keep that battle flag unfurled