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Sandra Tayler

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Sometimes when I forget that humans are amazing, I think of curiosity singing Happy Birthday





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thebaconsandwichofregret

No guys you don't understand.

The soil testing equipment on Curiosity makes a buzzing noise and the pitch of the noise changes depending on what part of an experiment Curiosity is performing, this is the way Curiosity sings to itself.

So some of the finest minds currently alive decided to take incredibly expensive important scientific equipment and mess with it until they worked out how to move in just the right way to sing Happy Birthday, then someone made a cake on Curiosity's birthday and took it into Mission control so that a room full of brilliant scientists and engineers could throw a birthday party for a non-autonomous robot 225 million kilometres away and listen to it sing the first ever song sung on Mars*, which was Happy Birthday.

This isn't a sad story, this a happy story about the ridiculousness of humans and the way we love things. We built a little robot and called it Curiosity and flung it into the star to go and explore places we can't get to because it's name is in our nature and then just because we could, we taught it how to sing.

That's not sad, that's awesome.



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Gemma Wallace

This is a much better story than a robot singing happy birthday to itself.

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Dawid Verwey

Engineers have "children" too and they love them very much. ❤️

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Hank Probert

That's so awesome. Reminds me of a program I had for the C64 which could make the 1541 disk drive hum "Daisy, Daisy" 😊

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Sharrowkyn Crow

Nice story, I wouldn't had started it with "sometimes I forget humans are amazing"... That's easy to do because as a race they do some really horrible shit most the time. Could have picked a better song too... Heck domo arigato Mr. Roboto would have been better...

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Jesus Christ is that a chair you're sitting on or a cactus

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Jessica Crichton
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Some people are happier when they're unhappy, I guess.

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Sara Hall
Shouldn't Mission Control have been the ones singing if it was Curiosity's birthday?

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Neil Hanley
I'm also thrilled by the tag: the bacon sandwich of regret.

👍
Tho to enable a robot in this way gives me a little hope for humanity's success.

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Geoff Crane
This is humanity exemplified. It explains us as capable and irrational at the same time. Bravo.

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Charles Prael
My step dad is the guy who programmed a DEC mainframe to play Stars and Stripes Forever back in the 1960s at LLNL, including getting the tape drives to do piccolo and drum.

DEC got a copy of the tape, and included it in the service repair kit. When t... [See more](#)





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LisaPisa Pot

Love that they did this but it's such a pity that was the song. Such a dirge.

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Paula Valentine

Fisher & Paykel "gentle annie" top loading washing machines will play the national anthems of New Zealand, Australia and the US

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Heidi Gaines

Posted on my birthday. What a treat 😊❤️

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Susi Knight

Wonderful...love it...

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Jordan Gomes

I desperately want to know what the asterisk next to "first ever song sung on Mars" is about

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Christopher Holmes

The Norse have a god called Odin. He gave up an eye just so he could see what's over the next hill. Odin is us, humans. We've sent a robot to Pluto, just to see what is there.

We are a curious creature, we just ... **See more**

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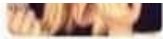
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Type a brain emoji if you don't have a smooth brain - Kath 🧠





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@namerityreedy

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me: PANGEA BREAKFAST



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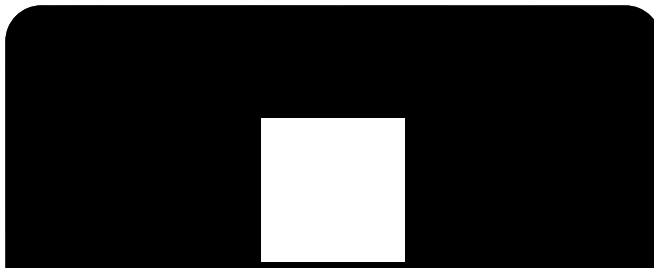
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