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The Great Metric Threat of 75!

Back in 99 there was that fear of Y2k  
we'd wake up back the stone age at the dawn new years day  
some talking heads from CNN proclaim we ought to stash  
a year of bottled water, batteries and extra cash

turns out nothing happened, things were fine believing so  
some of us had flashbacks to thirty years ago  
a cataclysmic cloud that foretold awful things in store  
life as we know it was gonna be no more.

see Congress had decided that they all were really weary of  
sharing weights and measures with just Burma and Liberia  
and so they passed a law to ..... alive  
the metric conversion of 75

metric is coming, metric is coming,  
ahh-oo, ahh-oo

we went through the streets  
willing and running  
metric is coming, metric is coming,

they were coming for our cups, our quarts,  
our ounces, and our grams  
Fahrenheits to Celsius, pounds to kilograms

fat kids would not feel the yardstick cracking over their heads  
they'd get concussions with meter sticks instead

then came the cry of protest from the local corner bars  
they can not take our kegs  
they will not take our yards  
we'll fight to keep each pint  
we'll fight down to each ounce  
because ..... liter is way too hard to pronounce

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then came the day of reckoning  
the country woke distraught  
we turned on the TV to see what havoc had been wrought  
the weatherman predicted sun from Maryland to Maine  
but warned the west coast might see up to half an inch of rain

inches that's not metric  
they haven't switched it yet  
hey maybe if we don't say anything... maybe they'll just forget

thirty years have come and gone  
avoidance serves us well  
the first public policy of don't ask don't tell

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they said the English system was out dated and confusing  
too hard to convert  
too many units to be using  
what a load of garbage we've been coping all along  
tonight we're going to prove those metric pushers they were wrong

here's the sing-a-long part  
I'll say the unit first you then you sing the new equivalent after  
you've done the conversion  
no need for calculators this thing will be a breeze  
when you get the answer say it nice and loudly please

the old faithful system is easy and good  
we all know 12 inches equals.... a foot  
and two more than that you know it's not hard  
we all know that there are 3 feet in a.... yard

moving to miles we can't be beat  
it's 5280.... feet  
and while we're on miles we clearly can state  
the number of furlongs in one mile is..... eight

as weighing stuff goes we won't be undone  
we know that there's 2000 pounds in a..... ton  
let's switch to fathoms, it's easy to do  
one fathom in inches is..... 72

bring on our liquids we won't come up short  
32 fluid ounces are in a..... quart  
we haven't stopped yet we can do more  
the number of quarts in one gallon is..... 4

they say it's unwieldy we'll say they're absurd  
in tablespoons one teaspoon equals..... 1/3  
teaspoons to gallons we'll not hesitate  
we all know that there's..... 768

we're on a roll we're out for the kill  
we all know 4 ounces equals a.... half cup  
64 cups in one dram that's for sure  
in teaspoons that's..... 36,864

how clearly we've converted we've shown that tonight  
hey we don't need the metric system ours is all right  
let the world have their base 10 system and we'll keep ours  
who cares about a satellite or two we've lost on Mars

and in the early 80's congress knew that they'd been beat  
the metric system folded it went down in defeat  
liters, meters, kilograms we'll put out on the bench  
because we won't use a system designed by the French

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