The Bald Eagle

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Chorus

There's a noble brown and white bird they say, The nation's emblem of the USA. The big bald eagle, so bold and free, But I wish that he wouldn't shit on me.

Verses:

That's a sad little chorus they sing in Vietnam, Watching bombers deliver explosives and napalm. And when a plane swoops lower, Like some predatory bird, The people shout a warning, "Here comes another turd!" Chorus

Now they've reason to sing it Out there in Ottawa, Nixon brought in a surcharge And quickly made it law, And when Trudeau and Benson Together began to cry, The eagle launched an offensive And hit them in the eye. Chorus

Then they sang on Amchitka And all across BC, Fearing Cannikin threatened The land and air and sea; They pointed out the dangers And pleaded with him to stop; The eagle prepared his answer And then he let it drop. Chorus

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This song was Vera's response to the American testing of a five megaton nuclear weapon on the island of Amchitka in 1971. "Cannikin" (verse 3) was the US code name for the test.