

# WERNHER VON BRAUN

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Gather 'round while I sing you of Wernher von Braun  
A man whose allegiance  
Is ruled by expedience  
Call him a Nazi, he won't even frown  
"Nazi, Schmazi!" says Wernher von Braun.

Don't say that he's hypocritical  
Say rather that he's apolitical  
"Once the rockets are up, who cares where they come down?  
That's not my department!" says Wernher von Braun.

Some have harsh words for this man of renown  
But some think our attitude  
Should be one of gratitude  
Like the widows and cripples in old London town  
Who owe their large pensions to Wernher von Braun.

You too may be a big hero  
Once you've learned to count backwards to zero  
"In German, oder Englisch, I know how to count down  
Und I'm learning Chinese!" says Wernher von Braun.