Quantum Bounce

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I speak to you today with pride,

Our trial was a *success*,

Results of which will spread worldwide,

So, listen closely, *Press*.

Invictus Inc can now announce,

The next leap for mankind,

It's been achieved: the *Quantum Bounce*,

Man is no more confined,

A tadpole in a pond so dry,

We now can breathe the air,

We give the world our last goodbye,

So, universe: Beware!

A trillion miles we can traverse

Now light-speed has been broken,

The dormant virgin universe,

Tomorrow, shall be woken,

That's right, the launch is ready now,

Invictus goes beyond,

And no delay I will allow,

The frog leaps from its pond,

Mankind has lived *too long* alone,

All chained up like a slave,

We've watch the shadows on the stone,

All blind in Plato's cave,

There must be others in the void,

There's something deep in space,

Some alien beast or steel android,

We'll meet him face to face,

But I don't plan to show us soft,

Or beg to be approved,

I plan to raise man's flag aloft,

Held fast in space unmoved,

Invictus aims to not just stand

Among the cosmic giants,

We aim to grasp them in our hand,

Demanding full compliance,

Mankind, we launch to take it all,

We seek to bind Pleiades,

We etch our name on heaven's wall,

We free *ourselves* from Hades,

Our Earth we have already claimed,

We've subjugated Gaia,

The plants are reaped, the beasts are tamed,

It's time to reach up higher,

Looked down upon by moon and star,

On Earth, too long we've dwelt,

It's time for man to reach afar,

And snatch Orion's belt,

The tower of Babel rises new,

A sign of man's defiance,

Invictus Inc will prove it true,

That heaven bows to science,

The story of Prometheus

Has always been a lie,

They tore the wings of Icarus,

To keep us from the sky,

And you who spurned our waxen wings,
The ones who doubted me,
Sat back while Fate pulled all the strings,
While I was cutting free,

For thirty years I've ran this horse,
Invictus led the race,
And all of you showed no remorse,
Laughing in my face,

Our breakthroughs in the quantum field,
We did it on our own,
No federal grants, no market yield,
No billion dollar loan,

Yet I was scorned, respect not given,
Was slandered, cursed and slurred,
And soon you'll ask to be forgiven,
But I won't hear a word,

Tomorrow I'll be on that ship,
I join our first attack,

And this is no returning trip,

I am not coming back.

What's that? Someone's sarcastic cheer,

You're glad to see me go?

Well, know the feeling's mutual here,

I hope *each* of you know,

In fact, that goes for all of you,

I never liked mankind,

The men, the women, children too,

I'll leave you all behind,

I'll find my place amongst the vast

Unending, cosmic dust,

I'll leave this damned Earth in the past,

I'll leave you all to rust,

You hear me right, *Invictius 1*:

A single-seat design,

When man's next chapter has begun,

The writing will be mine,

And *still*, you're laughing, All you folk,

You say there is no ship,

You say *Invictus* is a joke,

But I care not a rip,

A rich old fool you cry aloud,

With too much cash to spare,

Surrounded by a yes-men crowd,

Who rob me unaware,

A scientist who lost his mind,

His fortune, he all spent,

To free himself from all mankind,

By building just a tent,

Invictus 1 is not a lie,

Her skin is solid steel,

Her pointy head shall pierce the sky,

My dreams of space are real,

I still denounce the lies you've spun,

All mankind I denounce,

I put faith in *Invictus 1*,

I trust In *Quantum Bounce*.