

Derecho

(Multitrack Headphone Mix Demo originally uploaded July 22, 2005)

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“The Lord his God is with him, and the shout of a king is among them”
Numbers 23:21

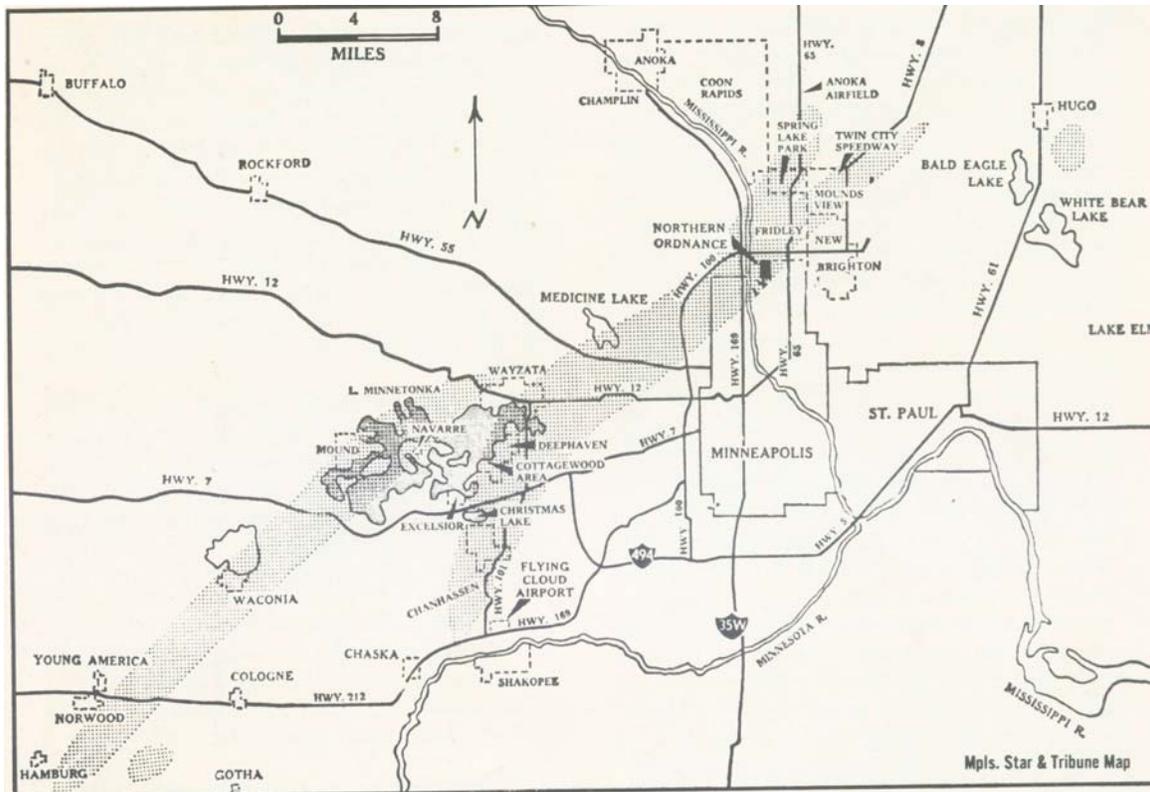
“For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout”
I Thessalonians 4:16

Derecho
Black as night
Summer sweeps in by stealth flight
Rhythmic songstorm boomerang
My Stormy Monday orangutan
Aphrodite, can your flight be a sailing choir of ships above?
And will your boats rock against my lake dock,
A soulbird flock of singing doves, Goddess of Love?

Derecho
Cleanse my pain
With your northwind's bridal train
You've come with quick clouds on Judgement Day
To tumble all my walls away
God Almighty, do you fight me for some purpose I've been bred?
And did your regal taloned eagle
Unlace the bandage prison-thread that binds the dead?
Sha la la la la la, Sha la la la la la

Taken by the 20th of June
Poetic Justice with this midnight noon
Summer solstice bringing a full moon
Ahead, straight ahead
Born from dreamtime aborigine
Lost for years in anonymity
Peace Dove of Wisdom heal this refugee
With your love, with your love
Sha la la la la la, Sha la la la la la

Last June 20th, one day before the summer solstice, an extremely rare “derecho” swept through the Twin Cities here with high velocity winds at 1 pm and turned a very hot sunny afternoon into pitch black night for about 20 minutes. Doppler radar revealed a quickly moving boomerang-shaped weather event on the tv screen and its imminent arrival struck a sublime chord of rapturous dread and awe throughout my whole nervous system (an eerie overpowering sense of impending terror and elation very similar to what I’d felt when an F4 tornado obliterated my childhood home and neighborhood on the very same location back in May 1965). Not long after the June 20th windstorm, I found myself inspired to compose a song about this experience which I christened *Derecho*. I uploaded that original mp3 version of *Derecho* on July 22nd and, lo and behold, late in the morning of July 23rd our Minnesota summer’s 2nd very rare “derecho” slanted swiftly through the Twin Cities along nearly an identical SE path as the June 20th “derecho” had, peaking at 88 mph before running out of steam way down in the northwestern Chicago suburbs later that afternoon. Call it merely a “coincidence” if you wish, but on August 9th, one day after uploading my 3rd song of the summer, a fast squall line following the very same southeast path completed this song-storm trilogy. See [Harlequin and Columbine](#) for more details on near-“derecho” #3.



Path of tornado indicated by shaded area from southwest to northeast.

The Twin "Lake Minnetonka Tornadoes" of May 6, 1965



Mom Back in the Kitchen A Week Later



INTERIOR OF THE TAZZA FARNESE (first century BC). This dish, carved from sardonyx, and possibly commissioned by Cleopatra, presents an allegory of the fertility of Egypt under the protection of Isis, Horus, and Osiris-Sarapis.

1st Century BC “Tazza Farnese” with its Tornado-like Cornucopia

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