

When Stanislav Petrov saved the world

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1. Af - ter mid-night, in the eigh-ties, was a man on du-ty post

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At the ear-ly war-ning sys-tem in the woods of Ser- pu-khov,

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As the sun was shi-ning else-where, sprea-ding glit-ter with much grace

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On the clouds that floa-ted soft-ly high a - bove a mis-sile base,

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On that day when Sta-nis-lav Pet-rov saved the world.

2. There were many who protested / hundred thousands in the streets
And the politicians mocked them / and denied the jeopardy,
Said they merely were alarmists, / for the worst would not occur,
But not even the alarmists / were aware how right they were
On that day when Stanislav Petrov saved the world.

3. Watching in the bunker station / all the displays on the wall,
Petrov saw the warning signal / forcing him to make a call
Yet he reasoned that one missile / would not start an all-out war
And despite four other warnings / he declared a false alarm.
On that day when Stanislav Petrov saved the world.

4. Ninety seconds now till midnight / but nobody seems to care:
Many call for escalation / no protesters anywhere.
The reaction time is shorter / delegated to AI.
And diplomacy is ruined / all this makes me wonder why

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We still think that al-ways some Pe-trov will save the world.