

## [1.19] Kraftwerk's "Pocket Calculator" song

I have to include a bit about this song, because it may be the only one ever written about calculators. It certainly isn't specifically about the TI-89/92+, or even about graphing calculators in general. It's just a little calculator oddity.

Kraftwerk is a band of four Germans who released their first album in 1971. They were one of the first bands to compose songs almost entirely of synthesizer instrumentation. *Pocket Calculator* is from the *Computerworld* album, released in 1981 on the Elektra Entertainment label, then again in 1988. Their music is usually classified as dance/electronica.

Some sites claim that this song was a popular hit - maybe in Europe or Germany? There is a lot of *Pocket Calculator* paraphernalia for sale on ebay: posters, t-shirts and various LP (vinyl) releases, and pressings in different colors.

You can learn more about Kraftwerk at:

<http://pulse.towerrecords.com/contentStory.asp?contentId=736>

and you can get a MIDI file of the song here:

<http://pw1.netcom.com/~yebba/kraft.html>

The song lyrics, which are undoubtedly copyrighted by Kraftwerk:

*I'm the operator with my pocket calculator  
I'm the operator with my pocket calculator  
I am adding and subtracting  
I'm controlling and composing  
I'm the operator with my pocket calculator  
I'm the operator with my pocket calculator  
I am adding and subtracting  
I'm controlling and composing  
By pressing down a special key, it plays a little melody  
By pressing down a special key, it plays a little melody  
I'm the operator with my pocket calculator  
I'm the operator with my pocket calculator*