

## **The DC-8 / SOLVE 2 Blues**

We got the DC-8 / SAGE III occultation blues.  
We measure atmospheric optical depth in many different hues.  
Most of them are solar, but some of them are lunar.  
And we can reach them all from the airport in Kiruna.  
Got the DC-8 / SAGE III occultation blues.

I got the DC-8 SOLVE 2 Project Manager blues.  
I solve all of your problems, I'm here for you all to abuse.  
I keep the network up, I get the Super Bowl delivered.  
And with Katja here, I must admit I do not shiver  
With the DC-8 SOLVE 2 Project Manager blues.

We got the DC-8 SOLVE 2 Mission Scientist blues.  
We spend hours on our laptops deciding which PIs to screw.  
Put the lidars in light, the solar viewers in the dark,  
Fly the samplers straight and level, and they'll all begin to bark!  
Got the DC-8 SOLVE 2 Mission Scientist blues.

I got the DC-8 SOLVE 2 Project Coordinator blues.  
From the comfort of my little hut, I see all that you do.  
I sell T-shirts and hats, do rental cars and badges,  
Order in-flight meals, but I don't provide massages.  
Got the DC-8 SOLVE 2 Project Coordinator blues.

I got the DC-8 Upper Atmospheric Research blues.  
My boss doesn't appreciate the platforms that we use.  
He says these old airplanes are a thing of the past  
And the data from a UAV fleet would be vast.  
I got the DC-8 Upper Atmospheric Research blues.

I got the DC-8 Russian flight space clearance blues.  
I've been working it twenty-four/seven, but I still get refused.  
I flew to Sweden for a summit with the General here,  
But his rank in the Party's not the same, I do fear!  
Got the DC-8 Russian flight space clearance blues.

We got the DC-8 pre-flight checklist blues.  
We've heard the rules so often, we all could take a good snooze.  
Don't sit on the armrests. Don't keep your mikes hot.  
There's little you can do, but there's a lot you cannot.  
Got the DC-8 pre-flight checklist blues

He got the DC-8 passport expiration blues.  
It was the local immigration officials who gave him the news.  
Send a picture to Stockholm with a signed application,  
Or you'll be on a permanent Lappland vacation  
With the DC-8 passport expiration blues.

We got the DC-8 meteorological blues.  
There are dozens of colorful plots for Paul and Mark to peruse.  
There's Pfister and Selkirk, and Eckermann and Lait  
To show us where to fly on a particular date.  
Got the DC-8 meteorological blues

We got the DC-8 "Where the Hell's the tropopause?" blues.  
We got more information than Airman Davis can use.  
The ozone is rising, the temperature's a'fallin'.  
Melody and Ed and M.J. are brawling  
With the DC-8 "Where the Hell's the tropopause?" blues.

We got the DC-8 “What causes PSCs?” blues.  
There are many mechanisms for Katja’s model to choose.  
Do they form on their own? Are special nuclei needed?  
Does it take mountain waves for NAT rocks to be seeded?  
Got the DC-8 “What causes PSCs?” blues.

We got the DC-8 AROTAL equipment blues.  
It seems to break every flight and the PI just ain’t got a clue.  
It might be a laser, might be a polarizer,  
But it never seems to be that damned agonizer.  
Got the DC-8 AROTAL equipment blues.

We got the DC-8 in situ particle sampler blues.  
We also love to convey the Mission Scientist news.  
He’s quiet when ambient particles are sighted,  
But a sniff of our exhaust really gets him excited!  
With the DC-8 in situ particle sampler blues.

They got the DC-8 SOLVE 2 AATS-14 blues.  
The ice and the snow have restricted their full solar views.  
But we don’t understand Phil’s worried reaction.  
We thought Beat could *talk* the damned thing into action.  
Got the DC-8 SOLVE 2 AATS-14 blues.

We got the DC-8 diverting to Luleå blues.  
The icy runway in Kiruna we just couldn’t use.  
They brought a truck in from Norway to put down hot sand.  
Even it froze in place, so we still could not land!  
Got the DC-8 diverting to Luleå blues.

We got the DC-8 - SOLVE 2 men's bathroom blues.  
Each time we really need it, there seems to be a very long queue.  
But, we agree as we chatter in the line to urinate  
How nice it is the ladies here never have to wait!  
Got the DC-8 - SOLVE 2 men's bathroom blues.

We got the DC-8 Arena Arctica laundry blues.  
The washers and dryers in Kiruna have us very confused.  
Set them to snabbtvatt and flackar. Go dump the water trays.  
And you better have some free time - it's gonna take all day.  
Got the DC-8 Arena Arctica laundry blues.

He got the DC-8 walking on the icy sidewalk blues.  
If he could turn back time, he sure would wear some different shoes.  
He broke his leg in four places. Now he's kicking up his heels.  
And he's flying back to Dryden with a brand new set of wheels.  
And the DC-8 walking on the icy sidewalk blues.

We got the DC-8 North Pole navigation blues.  
We fly around it in the dark, and our compass directions we lose.  
Are we headed back to Sweden or toward Uzbekistan?  
Does anyone up front know where the Hell we're gonna land?  
Got the DC-8 North Pole navigation blues.

We got the DC-8 / SAGE III project scientist blues.  
We thank all of the PIs, the staff, and the DC-8 crews.  
We were geared up to do this the last time around,  
But the satellite we ride on was still on the ground.  
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We got the DC-8 coming to the end of SOLVE 2 blues.  
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