

Atomic Rooster Atomic Rooster are an English progressive rock band, originally formed by members of The Crazy World of Arthur Brown, organist Vincent Crane and drummer Carl Palmer, in 1969; original lineup of Vincent Crane (organ), Nick Graham (bass), and Carl Palmer (drums). Their debut album, *Atomic Rooster*, hit number 49 in the U.K. in June 1970, after which Graham and Palmer left the group. Crane maintained the name and recruited guitarist/singer John Du Cann and drummer Paul Hammond for the second album, *Death Walks Behind You*, which hit number 12 in the U.K., where it featured the number 11 single "Tomorrow Night," and number 90 in the U.S. Pete French of Cactus assisted on the third album, *In Hearing Of*, which featured the number-four U.K. single "The Devil's Answer" and reached number 18 in England and number 167 in America. Then the group split up again, and again Crane assembled a new Atomic Rooster, this time featuring singer Chris Farlowe, guitarist Steve Bolton, bassist Bill Smith, and drummer Rick Parnell. *Made in England* reached number 149 in the U.S. in 1972, but the group had split again by 1974.

Throughout their history, keyboardist Vincent Crane was the only constant member, and wrote the majority of their material. Their history is defined by two periods: the early-mid-1970s and the early 1980s. The band went through radical style changes, but they are best known for the hard, progressive rock sound of their hit singles, "Tomorrow Night" (UK No. 11) and "The Devil's Answer" (UK No. 4), both in 1971.

Crane fronted lineups of Atomic Rooster until their last dates, in Germany, in 1983, before taking up with Dexys Midnight Runners in 1983. In 1989, he committed suicide.