LIVING IN THE FUTURE
John Prine
E
JEHOSAPHAT THE MONGREL CAT JUMPED OFF THE ROOF TODAY
A E B7 E
SOME WOULD SAY HE FELL BUT I COULD TELL HE DID HIMSELF AWAY
E
HIS EYES WEREN'T BRIGHT LIKE THEY WERE THE NIGHT
E A
WE PLAYED CHECKERS ON THE TRAIN
A E
GOD BLESS HIS SOUL HE WAS A TOOTSIE ROLL
B7 E
BUT HE'S A DEAD CAT JUST THE SAME

Chorus:
A E A E
WE ARE LIVING IN THE FUTURE; I'LL TELL YOU HOW I KNOW
A E B7 E
I READ IT IN THE PAPER FIFTEEN YEARS AGO
A E A E
WE'RE ALL DRIVING ROCKET SHIPS AND TALKING WITH OUR MINDS
A E B7 E
AND WEARING TURQUOISE JEWELRY AND STANDING IN SOUP LINES
B7 E
WE'RE STANDING IN SOUP LINES

Instrumental: A, E, B7, E

E A
JAKE THE BARBER'S LONELY DAUGHTER WENT DOWN TO HER DADDY'S SHOP
A E B7 E
SHE PLUGGED HERSELF TO THE BARBER POLE AND TOOK A LITTLE OFF THE TOP
E
THERE WAS PRESSURE ON THE LEFT, PRESSURE ON THE RIGHT
A
PRESSURE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE HOLE
A E
I'M GOIN' TO MAINE ON A FORTY FOOT CRANE
B7 E
I'M GONNA USE IT FOR A FISHIN' POLE

Repeat Chorus

Instrumental: E, A, E, B7, E, E, A, E, B7, E

E A
OLD SARAH BROWN SELLS TICKETS DOWN AT THE ALL NIGHT PICTURE SHOW
A E
WHERE THEY GRIND OUT SEX AND THEY RATE IT WITH AN "X"
B7 E
JUST TO MAKE A YOUNG MAN'S PANTS GROW,
E
NO TOPS NO BOTTOMS JUST HANDS AND FEET
E
SCREAMING THE POSTERS OUT ON THE STREET,
STRANGLING THE CURIOUS AND THE WEAK

B7                      E
HELL, WE GIVE 'EM WHAT THEY WANT TO SEE-O.

B7                      E
WE GIVE 'EM WHAT THEY WANT TO SEE.

Repeat Chorus

A             E            A              E
WE ARE LIVING IN THE FUTURE; I'LL TELL YOU HOW I KNOW

A              E     B7             E
I READ IT IN THE PAPER FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

A                 E                A                E
WE'RE ALL DRIVING ROCKET SHIPS AND TALKING WITH OUR MINDS

A                 E           B7               E
AND WEARING TURQUOISE JEWELRY AND STANDING IN SOUP LINES

B7               E
WE'RE STANDING IN SOUP LINES

Instrumental and Ending: E, A, E, B7, E, E, A, E, B7, E

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