

## 21st Century Blues

Steve Earle

Here I am in the 21st century  
I have to say it ain't as cool as I hoped it would be  
No man on the moon, nobody on Mars  
Where the hell is my flying car?  
Ain't nothing even like a teletransporter so far

It's hard times in the new millenium  
Gettin' by on just the bare minimum  
Everything to lose and nothing to spare  
Going to hell and nobody cares  
Ain't the future that Kennedy promised me  
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Finally come to the age of Aquarius  
And if we live through the Mayan apocalypse  
There'll be pie in the sky above lemonade springs  
A goddamn American utopian dream  
If you believe that then you're more optimistic than me

Lights out in the heart of America  
No love in a time of hysteria  
It's head for the hills, every man for himself  
Nobody helping out nobody else  
Ain't the way that the Maharishi said it would be  
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Pray for guidance, beg forgiveness  
Vote for change and hope they find this  
Only thing I know for sure is:  
We stand now on the verge of history  
The world can be anything that we want it to be

Where there's a will, there's a way  
When there's a fire, there's a spark  
Out in the streets, downtown in the park  
Baby, the future's just waitin' on you and me  
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