

# 20th Century Express

Mavis Staples

Screams cry out in the dead of night  
From the crack house across the street  
U're comin' down with a sudden migraine  
And here it is almost 3  
Next door they're fightin' again  
Somebody's done somebody wrong  
And some freak keeps calling up  
Want a quickie on the telephone

U try and try 2 close your eyes at night  
But all U do is toss and turn until broad daylight

Welcome aboard the 20th Century Express  
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Fast food chains keep popping up  
Everybody's eatin' on the run  
Hamburgers, French fries, hurry please  
But hold the indigestion  
The rush hour traffic slows U down  
As U race against the clock  
But fasten your seatbelts everyone  
There are no intermediate stops

U try and try 2 keep pace with the times  
U try and get one step ahead, but U fall 2 steps behind

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Ooh yeah, all day, on rey, all say, I say, he say, OK,  
OK [x4]

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Running 2 the crack house  
People gettin' sprung out  
Welcome aboard  
(Welcome, welcome aboard the 20th Century Express)

Livin' in the fast lane  
2 much cocaine  
Welcome aboard  
(Welcome, welcome aboard the 20th Century Express)

The world keep revolvin'  
And ain't nobody stoppin'  
Welcome, oh yes  
(Welcome, welcome aboard the 20th Century Express)

Welcome, welcome  
Welcome aboard the 20th Century Express

We're livin' 2 fast, y'all  
Babies makin' babies, hear?  
Oh, welcome the 20th Century Express