

# Modern Maturity

Tom Paxton

When you find it in your mail for the first time, my friend  
Then you'll know that you've turned a corner and you're getting  
' grey

It's a sure sign of decline, it's the start of the end  
When your wrinkles outnumber your hairs, then it's headin' your  
way

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When Mick Jagger has his breakfast of yogurt and bran

Does he read of prescriptions by mail, or of self-rising chairs

Oh, you keep on rockin' and rollin' as long as you can

Then you sit in your little seat and you ride up the stairs

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I look through its pages and what I see there

Is that everyone looks about twenty-five with white hair

You can get polyester pants for nineteen ninety-five

You can get your grandchildren's picture on your coffee cup

If you're tired of walkin', there's a scooter that you can driv  
e

Or a button to push if you've fallen and you can't get up

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