

## **Zappa Frank**

### **"Ya Hozna"**

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From the FAQ: What are the backward lyrics in Ya Hozna?

This is a joke on the self-appointed guardians of public morals who got themselves whipped into a frenzy of righteousness about "Satanic backward masking," a process in which secret messages are allegedly inserted into rock songs, revealed by playing the record backwards. In "Ya Hozna" the members of Zappa's band are heard to be singing unintelligible gibberish, and the lyrics sheet says "backward vocal, you figure it out." Well, I had the LP and a belt-drive turntable, so I was able to figure it out. It's just as nonsensical played backwards (and pretty much sounds the same as well) I guess they played around until they found some nonsense syllables that sounded the same forward as backward (as "ya hozna

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