

## **John Prine**

# **"Living In The Future"**

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Jehoshaphat, mongrel cat  
Jumped off the roof today  
Some say he fell but I could tell  
He did himself away

His eyes weren't bright like they were the night  
We played checkers on the train  
Well God bless his soul he was a tootsie roll  
But he's dead cat just the same

We are living in the future I'll tell you how I know  
I read it in the paper fifteen years ago  
We're all driving rocket ships and talking with our  
minds  
And wearing turquoise jewelry and standing in soup  
lines  
We are standing in soup lines

Jake the barber's lonely daughter  
Went down to her daddy's shop  
She plugged herself to the barber pole  
And took a little off the top

There was pressure on the left, pressure on the right  
Pressure in the middle of the hole  
I'm going to Maine on a forty foot crane  
I'm gonna use it for a fishing' pole

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Old Sarah Brown sells tickets down  
At the all night picture show  
Where they grind out sex and they rate it with an "X"  
Just to make a young man's pants grow

No tops no bottoms just the hands and feet

Screaming the posters out on the street  
Strangling the curious and the weak  
Yeah, we give 'em what they want to see, oh  
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