

## John Williams "A Window to the Past"

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From far outside it, earth's fragile atmosphere

It's clearly apparent that the end is near

The sleeper wakens and removes his golden casque

Vital signs return to his quiescent craft

He is truth, a word to the wise

Gods children are so young

They cannot realize the difference between extinction

And life, is now only a matter of time

In the beginning was the knowledge

He had carried far across the great unknown

Millenia have passed since he walked

On the Savannah, where the seeds of life were sown

Yet even deep in slumber he could hear

His children blunder to destruction

The caretaker of creation placed a fail safe

At the heart of his construction

Technologies intended as man's slaves mutated

Now they are his masters

The trust, they place in progress only serves to bring

The last days nearer, faster

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And life, is now only a matter of time

I can see the oceans, stagnant and overflowing

Filled with man made waste, discharged

From my cosmic auditorium, I view this crematorium

That is your world at large

My ears hear the wailing of your children

In a future, close at hand

Just as it was before, so it may be again

If you don't try to understand

The seas will rise before your very eyes

Until they swallow up the land

If your polar ice caps melt

The cards are dealt and you have died by your own

hand

I will never help you while you still persist

In acting like you're blameless

I would rather, let your species, die forgotten

So your folly remains nameless

He is truth, the word to the wise

Gods children are so young
They cannot realize the difference between extinction
And life, is now only a matter of time
When to mischief mortals bend their will
How quick they find the instruments of ill

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