Robyn Hitchcock "1974"

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You have two coffees

One of them is one coffee too many for you

On a health kick

Trying to lead a middle-aged life

Well, it's either that or drop dead

Wait 'til you get older than this

And then turn around and tell me I was young for my

Yeah

And it feels like 1974

Waiting for the waves to come and crash on the shore

But you're far in land

You're in funky denim wonderland

You and David Crosby and a bloke with no hand

You've got hair in places

Most people haven't got brains

Ooh

But it feels like 1974

Syd Barrett's last session, he can't sing anymore

He's gonna have to be Roger now for the rest of his life Oh

Enough about me, let's talk about you

You were working at the Earth Exchange at half twenty-

two

'Rebel Rebel' was your favorite song

On the Archway Road

Where it all belongs

All those molecules of time

That you thought you'd shed forever

All those inches of time

That you thought you could just say bye-bye

And as Nixon left the White House

You could hear people say,

"They'll never rehabilitate that mother

No way."

Yep

Whirry-whirry goes the helicopter out of my way

I've got president to dump in the void

Python's last series and The Guardian said,

"The stench of rotting minds"

But what else could you smell back then?

You didn't have to inhale too hard You could smell the heads festering in the backyard There's a baby in a basket and it's taken your name And one day it'll grow up and say, "Who are you, Eh?" And you say that's where it ended But I say no no no, it just faded away August was grey It feels like 1974 Ghastly mellow saxophones all over the floor Feels like 1974 You could vote for Labour, but you can't anymore Feels like 1974 Digging Led Zeppelin in Grimsby Oh Christ

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