

## Millennium's Dawn

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G  
Now the Second Millennium's over  
C G  
I'm not sorry to leave it behind,  
C Em  
But we all had our dreams of tomorrow  
G D7  
And I can't get them off of my mind.  
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Where is the promise that beckoned?  
C G  
Where has our old future gone?  
C Em  
Everything should have been different  
G D7 G  
In the light of the Millennium's dawn.

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Can you hear the rockets thunder  
C G  
As they carry us up past the skies?  
C Em  
Can you see the cities of wonder  
G D7  
As they gleam in the bright sunrise?  
G D7 G  
Can you tell me where our hopes and dreams  
C G  
And our maps of the future have gone?  
C Em  
They were carried away on the night wind  
G D7 G  
Before the Millenium's dawn.

Oh I should have been watching the earthrise  
From a dome on the bright lunar plain  
But I took a wrong turn at the '60s  
now I'm driving back home in the rain  
So where are the domed lunar cities?  
Where have space colonies gone?  
I can't find my way to the spaceport  
In the light of the Millennium's dawn.

We had pictures of towers that glisten  
Standing tall in the clear light of day  
Connected by ribbons of sidewalk—  
They look nothing like South San José.  
So where are the cities and skyways?

Where have the monorails gone?  
I still can't see them gleaming  
In the light of the Millennium's dawn.

Now there ought to be talking computers,  
And mechanical servants, of course  
But they all flunked the Turing test badly  
While Deep Blue won at chess by brute force,  
So where is HAL now when we need him?  
Where have the robots all gone?  
I still can't hear them marching  
In the light of the Millennium's dawn.

Well, here's to an age that's departed,  
And to pictures we drew in the sand.  
All the dreams that I had when we started,  
Have crumbled to dust in my hand.  
Guess I'll pull a new map from my pocket;  
Never mind where the old ones have gone,  
And I'll look for a new road to follow  
In the light of the Millennium's dawn.

Can you hear the bells all ringing  
As they welcome the bright sunrise?  
Can you see a small child singing  
With wonder in her eyes?  
Can you take new hope and dream again  
After the darkness has gone  
And the winds of time are blowing  
After the Millenium's dawn?

Yes, we'll make the rockets thunder  
To carry us up past the skies;  
We will build new cities of wonder  
To gleam in the bright sunrise;  
Here's hope to heal your sorrow  
Now that the old dreams are gone,  
And the past has turned into tomorrow  
In the light of the Millenium's dawn. CG

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