

Zager and Evans – In the year 2525 (1969)

Zager and Evans was an American rock-pop duo, active during the late 1960s and early 1970s. They are best known for their 1969 #1 hit "In the Year 2525", which stayed at the top of the charts for 6 weeks. It also hit #1 in the UK, and #2 in Australia. Since they didn't have any more hits after this, the song earned them the status of being a "one-hit wonder" group. The song warned of the dangers of technology, describing a future in which the human race is destroyed by its own technology. The record sold over four million copies and was awarded a gold disc by the Recording Industry Association of America. In Italy, they released a version called "Nell'anno 2033".

In the year 2525
If man is still alive
If woman can survive
They may find

In the year 3535
Ain't gonna need to tell the truth, tell no lies
Everything you think, do, and say
Is in the pill you took today

In the year 4545
Ain't gonna need your teeth, won't need your eyes
You won't find a thing to chew
Nobody's gonna look at you

In the year 5555
Your arms are hanging limp at your sides
Your legs got nothing to do
Some machine's doing that for you

In the year 6565
Ain't gonna need no husband, won't need no wife
You'll pick your sons, pick your daughters too
From the bottom of a long glass tube
Whoa-oh-oh

In the year 7510
If God's a-coming, he ought to make it by then
Maybe he'll look around himself and say
"Guess it's time for the judgement day!"



In the year 8510
God is gonna shake his mighty head
He'll either say, "I'm pleased where man has been"
Or tear it down and start again
Whoa-oh-oh

In the year 9595
I'm kinda wondering, if man is gonna be alive
He's taken everything this old Earth can give
And he ain't put back nothing
Whoa-oh-oh

Now it's been ten thousand years
Man has cried a billion tears
For what he never knew
Now man's reign is through
But through eternal night
The twinkling of starlight
So very far away
Maybe it's only yesterday

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English: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O4U78n4WmVo>

Italian: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bxBQwtibuoc>