

20Th Century Man
The Kinks

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20TH CENTURY MAN- The Kinks

A A A(move A shape from down a fret back) A D D A E E

A (riff 2x) A D G D G D A (riff 2x)

A E
This is the age of machinery, a mechanical nightmare

A
A wonderful world of technology

D G D A (riff)
Napalm, hydrogen bomb, biological warfare

A E
This is the twentieth century, too much aggrevation

A
It s the age of insanity

D G D A (riff)
What has become of the green pleasant fields of Jeruselem?

A G G A G G
Ain t got no ambition, I m just disillusioned
D (no chord) A(riff)

I m a twentieth century man but I don t want, don t wanna be here

A D G D G D A (riff)

A G G# A
My momma says she can t understand me

E
Can t see me motivation

A
Just give me some security
D G D A (riff)

I m a paranoid schitzoid product of the 20th century

A G G# A
You keep all your smart modern writers

E
Give me William Shakesphere

A
You keep all your smart modern painters
D G D A (riff)

I ll take Rembrant, Titian, DeVinci and Gainsborough

A **G G# A** **G**
Girl, we gotta get out of here, we gotta find a solution
D (no chord) **A(riff)**

I m a twentieth century man but I don t want, don t wanna die here

A **G G# A** **G**
Well, we gotta get outta here, we ve gotta find a solution
D (no chord) **A**

I m a twentieth century man but I don t want, don t wanna be here

BRIDGE:

Em **A5** **Em** **G G/F#** **Em**
I was born in a welfare state, ruled by bureaucracy
D **Am** **C** **C/B** **A5**
Controlled by civil servants and people dressed in grey
A5 **Am** **A5** **G G/F#** **Em**
Got no privacy, got no liberty
D **A5** **C** **C/B** **A** (riff)
Cos the twentieth century people took it all away from me

RIFF #2 FOUR TIMES

A (no chord) **G D A**
Don t wanna get myself shot down
(no chord) **G D A**
By some trigger happy policeman
(no chord) **G D**
Gotta keep a hold of my sanity
D **F** **C** **G** **A**
I m a twentieth century man but I don t wanna die here

RIFF #2 FOUR TIMES

(no chord) **G D A**
My mama says she can t understand me
(no chord) **G D A**
Can t see my motivation
(no chord) **G D**
Ain t got no security
D **F** **C** **G** **A**
I m a twentieth century man but I don t wanna die here

RIFF #2 (repeat ...)

I don t want twentieth century man, I don t want twentieth century man
I don t want twentieth century man, I don t want twentieth century man

A **G D A**

This is the twentieth century

G D A

Too much aggravation

G D

This is the age of insanity

D F C G A

I m a twentieth century man but I don t wanna be here

RIFF:

A chord

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-----3-3-3-2--
-----2-2-2-2--   repeat
-----4-4-4-2--
----0-5p0-5p0---0-----
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RIFF #2:

A G G/F# Em

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----3-3-2-----0-----0-----
----2-2-2-----0-----0-----
----4-4-2---0---0-----0-----0-----
--0-----0-----
-----3-----2-----0-----

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NOTE: Pick notes on the bridge, strum all other times. The riffs are approximate, to give the general idea. The bridge has been altered a bit to make it sound better for guitar. This is the way the song goes in my mind.

(from Muswell Hilbillies, 1971)
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