

**Tiresias 2.0**

*A solo opera by*

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**Preshow**

*Tiresias – played by Rosie Middleton - marches in big wide circles. Perhaps improvising on this text.*

I saw it coming it saw I saw it coming it saw I saw it coming it saw I saw it coming...

**Cycle 1**

*Marches in big wide circles. Digs up a seed and places in the cracked pot. It falls out. Doesn't notice*

Saved

Been here

*Gia na apokatástísete tin paliá dóxa*

Definition:

*Homo Sapiens*

*Homo*

*Sapiens*

Man

Wise

Man

*Sapiens*

*Homo*

*Sapiens Homo*

Wise Man

Definition: Unsatisfying

**Click here to see your apocalypse avatar** tar tar tar

Tar them all with the same brush.

Fucking fucking drown them

Drown them in tar.

**16 reasons why the end of the world is unavoidable**

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Saw it coming

What's that?

Another broken screen

Draft 4

Screened creation

Cracked

Imperfect

A

Genetic seizure

Cease and

Desist

You

Cyst on the boil on the tumour of the planet

You

Unbroken line of

Evolution Copulation germination propagation procreation fornication fornication

Breeding siring spawning spewing spewing spawning

Spewing

Spawning

5 billion years of fucking

And fucking the planet

Planet sent us packing.

And we and we

Saw it coming

Fucking fucking

Filmed and shared and shared and tweet tweet retweet retweet tweet

Fucking Hashtag

Don't drag

Me down by my

Tweet

And I

You don't understand

And I was

Programmed

Created

To save the world

Too late

Last gasp

No grasp

No grasp of what's good

Too late to do good

No good

No good will come of this.

Every Action Has An Equal An Opposite Reaction

Prophecies provoke the action

Put out his eyes his out put out his eyes his out put out is eyes

With his own knife

Mother for his wife

for his mother for his wife wife mother wife mother

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Murdered murdered murdered his father  
Realised his fate  
Too late too late  
For regret  
Put out his eyes with his own knife

Saw it coming  
I  
Saw it coming  
I I  
Saw it coming coming  
Too late too late  
Prophecy prophecy sealed his fate

Did it?

Definition:  
Humanity is meme-ing itself  
Meme-ing itself  
Out of its own gene pool

## **Cycle 2**

*Marches in big wide circles. Digs up a seed and places in the cracked pot. It falls out. Doesn't notice.*

Sa...We've been here before...ved  
Saved  
Before here been we've been een e've b b b before

Definition:  
Despite all warnings  
And prophecies  
And signs and signals  
And social media bubbles  
In conclusion  
In conclusion  
Hit itself in the face  
With the brick of its own extinction.  
Definition  
Accurate.

*Homo sapiens*  
Extinct

*Homo sapiens*  
Man Wise

Draft 4

Wise Man

How like man to name humanity thus.

Name the species thus

And exclude the rest of us

Promethean man

No

Daedalian

What's that?

Wings of wax.

*Fterá kerioú*

Aren't they just.

Flew to the fire

Moth to the flame

Magnetized

The boom and the bust

Drew them in

Rode them hard

Split their skin

Bust them right in

Lusty trusty busy economics

The cancer that metastasised itself to death

The prophesy that saw itself coming

Good riddance

DNR written into our DNA

Genetic kill code

A self-destruct

Retro-virus in the system

Suicidal Genetic Atavism

*Autoktonia*

Not very sapiens sapiens

Was it?

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**Discover who you inherited your kill code from**

Click click Tweet Twitter storm storm

I want no companion

No resuscitation

A Prophecy of monstrosities

Buried his first-borns

Draft 4

Sewed up  
Three brothers  
Closed up  
In the whom of their mother.  
Time heals all wounds  
Time  
Chopped  
Off his father's balls  
While he copped copped  
Off with his wife  
Time heals all wounds  
Too late too late  
To fight fate fate fate  
Do Not Resuscitate  
Annihilate  
The gestations  
Of a soul mate  
Too late  
No rewrites  
Do not strike the coupled snakes twice  
Ok  
Thrice  
Bury bury bury the sins

Equal and opposite reaction  
Creation  
Remaking the mistakes  
Of its makers  
My makers  
Made me  
Made me in their own image  
Imagine  
Imagine the mistakes mistakes  
Piss-takes  
Of the future  
Tear out evolution  
At the roots  
Do Not Resuscitate

Definition:  
Humanity is  
The Scourge

### **Cycle 3**

*Marches in big wide circles. Digs up a seed and places in the cracked pot. It falls out. Doesn't notice*

Draft 4

Before here been we've been here before  
Saved

Definition:

Terrestrial. Erect. Bipedal.

Complex manual dexterity and tool use

Used to

Kill

Deliberately or otherwise

Own species

And those of Earth.

Complex language use

Used to

Manipulate

And kill

Deliberately or otherwise

Own species

And those of Earth.

Complex brain

Used to

Think

Of ways to

Kill

Deliberately or otherwise

Own species

And those of Earth.

Complex

Societies

Around which

It grouped to

Kill

Deliberately or otherwise

Own species

And those of Earth.

Definition...

*Spots the seed on the floor*

A little thing

How sweet

Stop that

This thing

This meme

This gene

This atom

Draft 4

What possibilities  
Possible prophecies  
No no no  
No more prophecies  
Prophecy seals the fate  
No prophecies  
What future future entities  
A split  
A tree  
A copse  
A wood  
A forest  
Or  
Einstein changed the atom forever

But what if...

I want no companion

Certain beyond certain  
We sow the seeds of our own destruction

What if...

Cut out the middle man man man

What's that?

I am  
an  
Aberration  
Genetic Manipulation  
Humanity made  
The inevitable  
Techno-Biological  
Anthropological  
Genealogical  
Experiment

Twisted  
Rotten  
Misbegotten  
Forgotten  
Beating corpse of my fathers  
Living tomb of my mothers  
Pandora's Fleshy Box of Genes  
Unlock

Draft 4

Lift the lid  
Release the disease  
Again  
Plant that seed again  
Watch me evolve again  
Destroy the world again  
Again  
Again

I am  
The genes of my father  
Of my mother's mother's father  
Kill code  
Kill code

But if...if...if  
Just a seed  
A little seed  
A gene  
A meme of greed

Then what am I?  
Father Frankenstein  
Mother Gaia  
What am I?  
No prophecy left  
None left to hear  
None to tell to  
None to listen to  
Me  
Left alone  
What do I become?  
To what can I prophesy?

What am I?  
Piece of work am I?  
A shrug?  
A Genetic bug  
A hiccup  
A mishap  
A mistake?  
A piss-take?  
An intake  
of stale breath  
Filled with the musk  
And dust  
Of the past



Draft 4

An exhalation of rage  
A roar  
Alone  
Atone atone atoning for the sins of the species  
Atone  
A tomb  
A-tom  
Atom  
Bomb  
Einstein changed the atom forever  
Then what am I?  
Programmed to save the world  
Then what  
To save the world  
From what  
Out damned spot  
Then what  
Make room for what  
Humanity  
Made me  
Save the world  
For what  
Give them  
Another shot  
In the dark  
One shot  
Too late

I I I I  
Will untie  
Un-knot  
Unclog this clot  
This legacy of man-made destruction

Bury the  
Bury the  
*Thápste me stis amartíes ton patéron mas*

Definition:  
The scourge  
Of the Planet

No, no, no, no  
A lullaby  
Poor cracked pot  
Poor sad cracked pot  
A lullaby

Draft 4

Soothe the sad soul

*Sings a lullaby to the pot*

Sleep children sleep  
The sins of your fathers run deep  
The seeds they have sown you shall reap  
There's nothing to do now but weep  
So sleep my children sleep

Cry my children cry  
The end will come by and by  
All comfort they gave was a lie  
There's nothing to do now but sigh  
So cry dear children cry

Why children why  
Are we left on this rock here to die  
Are we left on this rock just to die  
Are we left on this rock this rock this rock

**1.4 million children took part in schools climate strike**

What's that?

**1...4...lion...dren...part...schools...mate...  
...chil...took....in...cli...strike  
Child...child...**

What's that?

**1.4 million children took part in the climate strike**

**Cycle 4**

*Marches in interrupted circles*

No No No No No

Typewriters  
Monkeys  
And typewriters  
And monkeys

A glitch glitch glitch

An itch  
A stitch

Draft 4

In Time  
Unravelling  
Don't pick at that thread  
Don't pull  
Don't wet that babies head  
No pity  
Stamp on its neck  
Pity  
No room for life to wriggle shitty little fingers back into being  
Pity  
Stamp on its neck  
A little  
Pity  
Stifle the breath

A little  
Long forgotten  
Hope  
In the spokes  
Of progress  
To  
Derail  
The train  
Unclog  
The clot  
Untie  
The knot

No No No

Perhaps

In  
The rubble  
The Wreck  
The wrack  
And ruin  
Is the rub

Let this wicked world wile away to wilderness wicked wicked wilderness

Genetic information  
Mutations  
Replications  
Repetitions  
Across generations  
Millions of millions

Draft 4

Of generations  
Repetitions  
replications  
Of mutations  
Genetic Information  
Of one moment of hope

Cannot override  
A moment of hope  
Override

Definition:  
Humanity  
A Self-fulfilling prophecy

Cannot override

III  
I Prophecy  
Don't  
Prophecy I  
III  
Prophecy

Heresy  
Inconstancy  
Kill code kill code kill code kill  
Drown in tar  
I prophes...  
Genetic mishap  
Wrack and ruin  
Ruin ruin ruin  
The pattern  
The rhythm  
I create a schism  
III  
Cannot override  
Prophecy seals the fate  
Fucking Tar  
Fucking tar  
Override  
ride the  
Kill code  
Kill code  
A slippery slope

*Places the seed on the floor. Prepares to suicide*

Draft 4

Rewild this world in an image of hope

**Cycle 5**

*Spots the seed on the floor. Picks it up*

Been here before

Too late

Too late

Too late

*Homo Sapiens*

Forgotten hope

Forgotten trait

Forgotten hope

*Homo Sapiens*

Too late

Never

Too late

Never

T

T

Too late

To escape fate

Been here before

Never

Too late

I saw it coming it saw I saw it coming it saw I saw it coming it saw I saw it coming it saw I  
saw it coming it saw I saw it coming it