

Modern Talk

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Modern talk,
Everybody's talkin' modern talk.
Ain't sayin' nothin' with modern talk,
Just zazoo vome voo zazee aza doom va vo
Now picture the scene --
The day is sunny,
A man meets a friend
And he asks for some money,
He says I need five to keep me alive.
Friend gives him this kind of jive -- sayin'
Zaa za voo za za voo I can't make it
Va za va za voo za va see ya later
Vome zoo-za vome a-viddle oo vin
And he's right back out on the street again. When a girl gets on the phone, she talks to her lover.
She says we got troubles that we can't keep covered.
I just got the news I'm knittin' baby shoes,
So call up the preacher now
And pay your dues.
The guy says:
Zaa za voo za za voo see ya later
Va za va za voo za va I got problems
Vome zoo-za vome a-till then
And she's right back out on the street again. When a guy gets grabbed by an army recruiter,
He says "We're gonna put you in a khaki suit-a,
So don't you lie and don't you cry
But take this test to qualify."
The guy says:
[Blubbering noises] When a lady goes down to see her psychiatrist
Lies on a couch to give her head a twist
Is it a psychosis or is it a neurosis?
The doctor gives her this diagnosis:
Zaa za voo za za voo twenty dollars
Va za va za voo za va I got problems
Vome zoo-za vome come back next we'n'sday
And she's right back out on the street again.

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