Next Year People

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Lyrics to Next Year People You can't live without Hope that things will change for the better, you can't live without the Dream of someone reading your letter. We've had dust storms before and spit out the dirt, we've had droughts before, but none quite like this. We've had winds that cut up your face all to pieces, black blizzards that stripped all the paint off your car, fires like twisters, no sisters of mercy, they come with no warning, only that sound. God is roaring drunk, and out on the town Next year, everything will come good, the rains, they will fall and we'll dance on the hood, we'll fill up our bellies with plentiful food, we'll eat, drink and be merry. Yeah, next year, people, wait and see, we're next year people, you and me. Henry got hit by lightning twice in the head, he stood and walked away, we thought he was dead, now he talks funny, says he's wired to the sky, walks for miles and miles, and no one knows why. The bank men, they came and wrote things down on paper, we all went outside and just stood around. We were glad when they left, they brought nothing but heartache and the seed we had planted, it stayed in the ground.-Refrain-Dry, endless plains and we suffer the worst, are we being punished or are we just cursed? It's almost ten years and no drop of rain, only mocking blue skies bringing more of the same. Our mother was crying when they sent us to stay with strangers in a town and we both ran away, back to the Dust and see Henry again, we're creatures of habit, don't you know? One day we'll reap what we sow...-Refrain-Yeah next year, people, wait and see, we're next year people, you and me

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