



## Rage in Eden lyric mystery

Ever wondered what those weird lyrics are, in **Rage in Eden**?

Courtesy of Warren, here are the details:

*The 'ooh-ah-um-oya-ay' lyrics are actually 'Oh, I remember death in the afternoon' backwards...*

*We often liked to use backward reverb (leads into the sound, rather than afterwards as a 'tail') and backwards guitars. To get that effect you must turn the 2-inch multi-track tape over and run it through the machine backwards; as a consequence track 24# becomes track 1#, track 3# becomes track 22#, etc.*

*It can be a little difficult to work out just where you are on the tape, it's easy to get lost or confused so you have to shuttle around quite a bit to find just exactly where you want to be (and then you have to double and triple-check!).*

*One day we were working on **Death In The Afternoon** and, during the course of doing something backwards (and having various 'open' track channels up on the mixing desk so we had some location reference points), we heard some backing vocals for the chorus in reverse. Backwards, it sounded fantastic, like another language or a chant or... whatever. It gave us an idea...*

*We copied it across 'as-is' to a stereo two-track tape, and then copied the backwards sound to a fresh reel of multi-track running the 'right way'. From there we built up the song, **Rage In Eden**.*

You can hear both a normal and reversed section of Rage in Eden in the Media Archive, in which you can clearly hear 'Oh, I remember death in the afternoon' in the reversed one.

- *Many thanks to Ian W for the reversed clip.*