

There's a little exercise I'd like you to try.

This is not original with me – I've stolen it from a good scientist and great lecturer named Simon Singh. (Plagiarism is the most sincere form of flattery.)

In the sixties, a number of rock and roll songs were said to contain devil worshiping messages that could be heard if you played 'em backwards. Stairway to Heaven by Led Zeppelin was one of these.

I'd like you, without going any further, to play the mp3 file containing these reverse lyrics (stairway to heaven_backwards.mp3).

Do you hear a message?

Think about it. Play it again.

Decide for yourself . . . and then go to the next slide.

Remember, it's important to first play the recording before going to the next slide.

“It’s my sweet Satan.

**The one whose little path would
make me sad whose power is Satan.**

Oh, he’ll give you, give you 666.

**There was a little toolshed where
he made us suffer, sad Satan.”**

These are reported to be the words of the backwards song, and I’d like you to play it again and see if you actually can hear them. Try it a couple of times and see if you can pick ‘em out.