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(Words by Peter Berryman, music by Lou Berryman, 1996)

(Lou:)

The lake dries up and the sun goes down and the rose grows old and dies.  
The cyclone hits like a wall o' bricks and the swelling rivers rise.  
The wolf's right there with a deadly glare in the lair of the newborn fawn.  
Draught kills trout and stars burn out but science marches on.

(Peter:)

Drive through CAT-scan, fax on the belt, modem in a wristwatch, Naugahyde pelt.  
Non-fat lard cake, Bible on a chip, parabolic smelloscope, freeze-dried dip.  
Laser eye surgery, fusion in jars, paperless government, driverless cars.  
CD-ROM phone book, edible earth, motherless fatherless Petri-dish birth.

(Lou:)

The eyeballs fail and the backbone bends and the hair's no longer brown.  
The big ears flap and I need a nap and I think I'll go lie down.  
I draw the shades as the future fades and the past is nearly gone.  
Your friends all croak and you're old and broke but science marches on.

(Peter:)

DNA Tinker-Toys, clone polliwog, hydroponic parsley, virtual dog.  
HDTV, antigrav skis, ultrasound tooth brush, Teflon trees.  
Teleport phone booth, cyborg brain, vertical take-off passenger train.  
Moneyless megamall, microchip checks, wireless digital cellular sex.

(Both (alternate phrases:))

Ten-year ice cube, time-travel shorts, subatomic pinball, submarine sports.  
Deep-space billboard, smoking vaccine, sugarless low-cal soylent green.  
Prozac Automat, phaser in a pen, light-emitting overcoat, sensitive men.  
Internet fern bar, humanoid squids, 88-gigabyte floptical kids.

Black-hole trashcan, moon-crater home, automatic washcloth, self-propelled comb.  
Sensor in the brain pan, feelavision set, flyaway Chevrolet camper-van jet.  
Interactive oleo, La-Z-Boy shoes, autofocus windowpane, remedial blues.  
Self-clean condo, Astroturf shrub, flashback epiphany afterlife club.

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