

# 40 Years of Gaming

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[Hook]

When gamers came along, the planet laughed at us  
But this is gaming in the future and you haven't heard the last of us  
Dismissing this is just an enormous fallacy  
So open your mind, and let it alter your reality

[Verse 1]

Hey geeks  
I bring a message from the future  
There's a new revolution heading to computers  
It's '73, but it won't be too long  
'Til we can get the TV to play a game of Pong  
But it's time to breakout of the house  
The crazy days of Space Invaders await us  
Arcade potatoes  
Swap the shooting range  
For computer games  
Arcade renaissance  
Pre-8-bit's blooming days  
A new decade  
Welcome to the 80's  
Pac-Man's the latest new craze  
Q\*Bert's the rage  
The first personal computers let loose  
As Manic Miner grabs your time, and to fight is truly useless  
Elite gave legions of wee little boys  
A deep space region and freedom of choice  
Now here comes the console  
The first one sold portended an industry of dimensions untold

The birth of franchise  
Mario Brothers  
Donkey Kong, Monty Mole, I'd tell you the others  
But, the list would go on and on  
Longer than I can tell  
Until the 90's when the game became handheld  
Meanwhile. I bought stories of another time  
And point-and-click arrived from the shores of Monkey Island  
Ever want to see your chums beat right up?  
Well, Daniel-san, you need to try Street Fighter  
A tournament with all your buddies in your front room  
Is all good until you fight online on Doom  
Hijack your mind, your momma can't abide this  
Night Trap might lack morals, it's a moral crisis  
What are we doing to our youth?  
They're shooting people  
Glued to screens with superglue  
Computers need to be banned when the laws broke  
Ban Manhunt  
Ban Grand Theft Auto

Try something musical, but if you have a sore throat  
I have what you're after  
Parappa the Rapper  
Tomb Raider, the tune invades your brain  
Get in her way and she'll make you taste the pain  
A sports a game always and it's hard fact

Then a game became a sport and its name was Starcraft  
Kids used to play with dolls and a house  
The Sims is the same, but controlled with a mouse  
Open worlds abound, but rarely 3D, hey  
Until the Elder Scrolls and GTA  
Wait 'til you see the scale of the monsters and bosses  
That you face in Shadow of the Colossus  
Things are getting bigger, more decisions, more maps  
Millions of simultaneous players in Warcraft  
All the people  
So many people  
See, your whole family can get involved in Wii Sports  
And more people means more money, more flair  
For big blockbusters  
COD: Modern Warfare  
Even more people, more freedom, more Indie games  
Limbo, Fez, Super Meat Boy, Braid  
Revolutionizing gameplay  
A mind blast  
Constructing infinite destructible worlds  
Minecraft  
Gaming on the telephone, yes I know it sounds absurd  
Fruit Ninja, Farmville, Angry Birds

[Chorus x5]

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[Outro]

Gamers  
The world is ours  
Now, where shall we take it?