**Songs about the future**

**Part 9:**

**Artist:** Ayreon

**Song title:** My house on Mars

**Album title:** The Universal Migrator part I: The Dream Sequencer

**Year:** 2000

**Country:** Netherlands

**Genre:** Progressive rock

Daddy where are you now
Forgot about your vow?
You promised you'd return and take me to Earth

Did you have to fight that war
What was it all for?
The honor of one's name, what is it worth?

I'm all alone - we're all alone
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I reach out to the stars out here in my house on Mars

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I call out to the stars: I'm alone in my house on Mars

I'll never smell the ocean breeze
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I'll never meet my chosen one...

In my house

Daddy I forgive you now
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My time has come - our time has come
I'm emotionally numb - emotionally numb
I'm headed for the stars, I'm leaving my house on Mars
No friends in my house on Mars
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I was born in my house on Mars
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Nothing that you’ve ever known will bring you so much pain.

If you try to resist me you’ll find me inhumane,
But if you just submit you’ll live your life a slave.
Your love, your servitude will medicate your pain,
With our technology, we’ll always keep you safe.

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[Chorus]
The nightmare unfolds before my eyes
I will resist ‘til the end of time
A spirit born free has to break these chains
We’re lost, we must find our way.
We must find our way.
We’ll find our way.

They say that you’re a danger to everything that’s pure,
There are too many of you, they’re offering the cure.
Swift extermination if you refuse the game,
Arrested development, your vaccinated fate.

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**Narrator: "It is the end of the 21st Century. I have returned to my own childhood. I remember it all as the Dream Sequencer images mix with my own recollections. This is the day my sister and I realized that we would never see the planet Earth."**

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**Task 1:** Read the lyrics. Describe the general mood of the lyrics. Are they positive or negative and why? Please give at least one example.

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**Task 2:** What are the most important elements that the band predicts for the future? Give at least three short examples.

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**Task 3:** Do you think that the way the band imagines the future is realistic or not? What’s your opinion? Give at least three reasons for your choice.

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**Task 4:** Please write your own song about the future and what it could be like. You have to write at two different verses with four lines. You must write a chorus of four lines. I also want you to write a bridge of two lines that you have to put between the second and third chorus of your song. Please write full sentences in proper English.

First verse:

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Bridge:

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