Subject: Going Backwards
Posted by Nouri on Fri, 04 Mar 2022 04:37:03 GMT
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In the 80's during the "Satanic Panic", there was much talk about playing records backwards.

Has anyone perfected a way to record someone and, as it goes through the recording process, it comes out recorded, a finished product, backward?

Subject: Re: Going Backwards
Posted by gofar99 on Sun, 06 Mar 2022 02:03:53 GMT
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Hi, the way it was sometimes it was done was to use either a full track or half track tape recorder to tape it and then to swap the tracks playing when you reverse the tape. It was also possible to just swap the take up and play reels and play the tape backwards. :roll:

Subject: Re: Going Backwards
Posted by The Noise on Mon, 07 Mar 2022 03:36:58 GMT
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That would be some very impressive technology to be able to do something like what Nouri is proposing.

You say "start" and it records "trats".

Subject: Re: Going Backwards
Posted by Rusty on Mon, 07 Mar 2022 15:59:02 GMT
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I can only wonder at what possible desire it would be to hear songs backwards. I can understand as a gimmick. For a short duration. But a whole backwards album? Gimme some help here?
I think the group Devo was on to something. Their name derived from a perception of society de-evolving.

Subject: Re: Going Backwards
Posted by Wayne Parham on Mon, 07 Mar 2022 16:50:54 GMT
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I remember in the 1970s when people observed that spinning a record backward created unusual sounds that resembled words. Some artists even recorded a few minutes of voice and then

dubbed it into the final mix backwards purely to capitalize on this little mini-craze. The one I remember best was in the intro of ELO's album "Face the Music," but I know there were others.

It's just a novelty thing. Just a goof.

Subject: Re: Going Backwards
Posted by Phonetic Ear on Fri, 03 Jun 2022 06:35:45 GMT
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I haven't heard a piece like that so far, but it sounds like something you'd encounter in mystery movies. Playing sounds backward may have you finding some hidden messages that can serve as entertainment. You could even end up getting ideas from it.

Subject: Re: Going Backwards
Posted by Becky on Fri, 10 Oct 2025 20:07:58 GMT
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I don't know how it will sound to hear songs backwards and I've never tried it for once. I do hope that those that did that really find it interesting and meaningful, also enjoyable.

Subject: Re: Going Backwards
Posted by Helen on Thu, 23 Oct 2025 07:03:54 GMT
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Playing records backwards is what I have never experienced or done by myself. I never know how it is been done or how possible it will be to do that with a record. But if there's experts in this world, I think it will be very possible to achieve.

Subject: Re: Going Backwards
Posted by Hank on Thu, 19 Feb 2026 13:02:11 GMT
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Phonetic Ear wrote on Fri, 03 June 2022 01:35I haven't heard a piece like that so far, but it sounds like something you'd encounter in mystery movies. Playing sounds backward may have you finding some hidden messages that can serve as entertainment. You could even end up getting ideas from it.
The thing is that some of them actually sounded cool. I can remember even playing some songs backwards some time ago just to have a feeling of how it felt when it was a thing many years ago. It can be quite entertaining when you pick the right songs for the experiment.

Subject: Re: Going Backwards
Posted by George on Sun, 31 May 2026 14:26:53 GMT
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gofar99 wrote on Sat, 05 March 2022 20:03Hi, the way it was sometimes it was done was to use either a full track or half track tape recorder to tape it and then to swap the tracks playing when you reverse the tape. It was also possible to just swap the take up and play reels and play the tape backwards. :roll:
Honestly, I've not heard such sounds, or maybe it was because I never cared to check some of them. What would you say made them special?

Subject: Re: Going Backwards
Posted by gofar99 on Wed, 10 Jun 2026 01:51:13 GMT
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The answer to that IMO is nothing.