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Cathy don't go to the supermarket today

“Cathy Don’t Go” is an alternative pop single by the Christian new religious movement The Family International, self-released on their 1985 album This Must Be Heaven under their label Heaven’s Magic. The track is written by Rock & Roll Hall of Fame guitarist Jeremy Spencer, who abruptly left the band Fleetwood Mac in 1971 to join The Family, then known as the Children of God. In the late 2000s, “Cathy Don’t Go” gained a wider audience after its music video appeared on YouTube, turning the obscure 1980s track into an internet cult classic. Its viral success can be attributed to the video’s bizarre content, as well as the notoriety of The Family following allegations of child abuse that surfaced in the 1980s and 1990s. By the early 21st century, the religious group had revised its teachings to prohibit abuse of minors, and in 2010, it reorganized as an online-based community. Nevertheless, survivors continue to share their stories through documentaries on YouTube and other platforms, renewing interest in this highly unusual piece of music. In the song, a woman named Cathy is warned about the dangers of modern supermarkets—specifically, their laser scanners, computers, and electronic payment systems—describing them as precursors to society’s enslavement by “strange” forces. The lyrics encourage people to boycott these stores and “live off the land” instead. The song is inspired by the conspiracy theory that all product barcodes covertly feature the Satanic number 666—see the Q&A section for more details. The Family viewed this alleged “666” barcode connection as a sign from God that the end times are near, fulfilling John’s apocalyptic prophecy in Revelation 13:16–18, which reads in part: No one may buy or sell, except he who has the mark or the name of the beast or the number of his name [...] six hundred and sixty-six (MEV, 2014). In the music video’s opening scene, Cathy is sitting at her kitchen table, making a grocery list, when an advertisement comes on her radio: Hey guys and gals, get hit with the new craze! Register today for your very own personal “666” barcode implant. No more need to carry cash or credit cards; the price of the goods you buy is now automatically subtracted from your bank account by the computer chip at the checkout stand. It’s fast! It’s easy! It’s— Cathy turns off her radio, unaffected by the ad, and goes to the supermarket. When she arrives, she is frightened by what she sees through the store’s window: customers are paying for items with a “666” barcode implanted on their hand or forehead, which is laser scanned at the checkout stand while ominous law enforcement officers monitor the patrons and assist the cashiers. This is a reference to Revelation 13:16, which says: He [the false prophet] causes all, both small and great, both rich and poor, both free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their forehead (MEV, 2014). Cathy attempts to flee the scene alongside a man who is also unmarked by the beast. Eventually, Cathy and the man meet up with a group of friends, and they all escape into the wilderness. Cathy non andare al supermercato a comprare schiffezze che ti costringeranno presto a diventare cliente anche della farmacia, facciamo come si è sempre fatto e produciamoci il cibo: chissà che non sia una buona idea per avere una vita sana...anche su ♣LYRICS Don't go, Cathy, don't go! Don't go, please, don't go! Cathy don't go to the super mar-ke-today, Cathy don't go to the super market today. 'Cause there's a very strange man at the check-out stand And there's a laser scanner where you put your hand. Cathy don't go to the supermarket today. [Don't go, Cathy, don't go] Without a computer ID there's no way to pay. [Don't go, please don't go] I know there's a sale and a special on rice, And you can buy beans at a giveaway price, But that's just their way to get you down there, What you don't know is that they're everywhere. Cathy don't go to the supermarket today. Cathy, don't go to the supermarket today. They had a special program on the TV last night Explaining calmly why these things must be done right, They say their new computer is the way to control, But what they didn't say is that it costs your soul! Cathy don't go to the supermarket today. [Don't go, Cathy don't go] Without a computer ID there's no way to pay. [Don't go, please don't go] 'Cause there's a very strange man at the check-out stand And there's a laser scanner where you put your hand. Cathy don't go to the supermarket today. Oh, Cathy can't you see what they're trying to do? This isn't just a new craze, They want to make us their slaves! Cathy don't go to the supermarket today. [Don't go, Cathy don't go] Cathy let's leave while there's still time to get away. Honey don't worry, just take my hand. We can make it even if we have to live off the land. Cathy don't go to the supermarket today. [Cathy don't go to the supermarket today] Cathy don't go to the supermarket today. [Cathy don't go to the supermarket today] Cathy don't go to the supermarket today. [Cathy don't go to the supermarket today] Cathy don't go! [Cathy don't go to the supermarket today.] No, Cathy don't go! [Cathy don't go to the supermarket today] Oh, Cathy don't go! Authors: Hart, Jeremy (C)1998: The Family < flash@porcod.io RESEA@©H YOURSELF Author(s): Hart, Jeremy Songbook: Heaven's Magic Songbook KeyWords: Endtime, Intro: Don't go, Cathy, don't go! Don't go, please, don't go! [Repeat] Cathy don't go to the super mar-ke-today, Cathy don't go to the super market today. 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Cathy don't go to the supermarket today. Bridge: Oh, Cathy can't you see what they're trying to do? This isn't just a new craze, They want to make us their slaves! Cathy don't go to the supermarket today. [Don't go, Cathy don't go] Cathy let's leave while there's still time to get away. Honey, don't worry just take my hand We can make it, even if we have to live off the land[Outro] Cathy don't go to the supermarket today (Cathy don't go to the supermarket today) Cathy don't go to the supermarket today (Cathy don't go to the supermarket today) Cathy don't go! [Cathy don't go to the supermarket today] Cathy don't go! [Cathy don't go to the supermarket today] Oh, Cathy don't go! [Fades] Copyright (c) 1998 by The Family Cathy Don't Go To The Supermarket Today was a song and music video produced by the Christian religious movement Family International (previously known as Children of God and Family of Love).[1] Personal barcodes The video forshadowed the implementation of "personal barcodes" (on or in the body) needed for grocery shopping (the 666 Barcode). Lyrics [Intro][2] Don't go, Cathy don't go! Don't go, please don't go! Don't go, Cathy don't go! Don't go, please don't go! [Chorus 1] Cathy don't go to the supermarket today Cathy don't go to the supermarket today Cause there's a very strange man at the checkout stand And there's a laser scanner where you put your hand[Chorus 2] Cathy don't go to the supermarket today (Don't go, Cathy don't go!) 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