

## Cicero in the 21st Century

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Times are bad. Children no longer obey their parents, and everyone is writing a book.  
—Marcus Tullius Cicero, statesman, orator and writer (106-43 BCE)

C G C  
 Times were bad two thousand years ago  
 F C  
 Said Cicero, just take a look:  
 F C  
 Children don't obey their parents  
 G  
 And everyone is writing a book.  
 C F C  
 Well it's been a long time since ancient Rome  
 F C  
 But look around and you can see it plain  
 F C  
 We're in a moral decline never mind we're feeling fine  
 G C  
 And we're whistling the same old refrain:

C F C  
 Yes, these are terrible times that we live in  
 F C  
 Society is going to the dogs  
 F C  
 Children don't obey their parents  
 G C  
 And everyone is writing blogs.

Once a website used to take a lot of work;  
 Now blogging software makes it a snap  
 You just type and click and it's published—  
 No matter if it's nothing but crap.  
 What you write doesn't have to be clever  
 Or interesting, or true;  
 Join a blog site for free write your own in PHP  
 Start a web log today any idiot can play  
 And ninety-nine percent of them do.  
 So now we're living in the blogosphere  
 Where everyone can write what they please  
 Consuming half the traffic on the internet  
 Well, at least they aren't cutting down trees  
 So come on, all you need is a browser  
 And a couple dead horses to flog  
 If your kids don't obey at least there's something you can say  
 They can't see you're a dog if you're writing in your blog  
 If you like these songs of mine you know the lyrics are online  
 And I'm posting all the links in my blog.

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Note for the irony-impaired: I do, in fact, have a blog, located at: [mdlbear.livejournal.com](http://mdlbear.livejournal.com)<sup>2</sup>; writing this song made me realize that I needed a script to format concert setlists for easy posting. The revised quotation comes from Simon Bisson's blog.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>2</sup><http://mdlbear.livejournal.com/>

<sup>3</sup><http://www.livejournal.com/users/sbisson/>  
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