

# Gary Feldman, The Day The Routers Died

A long long time ago, I can still remember  
When my laptop could connect elsewhere

And I tell you all there was a day  
The network card I threw away  
Had a purpose - and worked for you and me..

But eighteen years completely wasted  
With each address we've aggregated  
The tables overflowing  
The traffic just stopped flowing...

And now we're bearing all the scars and  
All my traceroutes showing stars  
The packets would travel faster in cars  
The day the routers died

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Now did you write an RFC  
That dictated how we all should be?  
Did we listen like we should that day?  
Now were you back at RIPE 54 where we  
Heard the same things months before  
And the people new they have to change their ways  
And we knew that all the ISPs  
Could be future-proof for centuries  
But that was then not now  
Spent too much time playing WoW  
Oh there was a time we sat on IRC  
Made jokes on how this day would be  
Now there's no more use for TCP  
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I remember those old days I mourn  
Sitting in my room, downloading porn  
Yeah, that's how it used to be  
When the packets flow from A to B  
Via routers that could talk IP  
There was data that could be exchanged  
Between you and me  
Oh but I could see you all ignore the fact  
We'd fill up IPv4  
But we all lost the nerve  
And we got what we deserved!  
And while we threw our network kit away  
And wished we'd heard the things they said  
Put all our lives in disarray  
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So a man with whom I used to peer  
Asked him to rescue my career  
He just sighed and turned away  
I went down to the Net caf  
That I used to visit everyday  
But the man there said I might as well just leave  
Now we've all lost our purpose  
My Cisco shares completely worthless  
No future meetings for me  
As the Hotel Krasnapolsky  
And the men that made us push and push  
Like Geoff Huston and Randy Bush  
Shoulda listened to what they told us  
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