

'Cause I gotta have
faith, faith, faith

My news feed is throbbing with "Can 2016 end already!?", "WORST year ever!!!", "HOW MANY MORE LIVES DO YOU NEED???" etc. Yes, 2016 has seen "unpresidented"

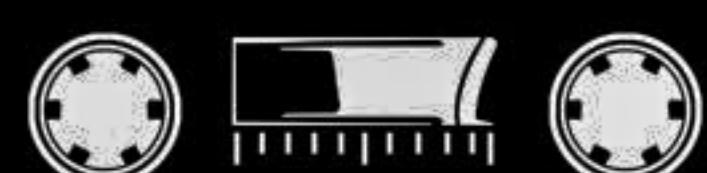
(©Donald Trump) cruelty, insanity and calamity but are we truly living in the WORST of times?

At the moment, the global average life expectancy is 71.5 years – going up by six years since 1990; the biggest jumps apparently happened in poorer countries.

Despite the wars in the Middle East and the apparent spike in terrorist attacks, the world is actually safer than ever before, in general. For most of human history, about 500 people out of every 100,000 were killed by other humans every year. Today, that figure is more like 6 to 8, worldwide.

To sum it up, yes 2016 is a black hole that has taken away Syrian children, innocent lives in Dhaka, David Bowie, Snape and George Michael but you gotta have faith. May 2017 suck less. Happy New Year!

– Karim Waheed, Resident Optimist, SHOUT



MIXTAPE

FAREWELL, GEORGE MICHAEL

Faith



Praying for Time



Freedom! '90



Don't Let the Sun Go
Down On Me
(with Elton John)



Careless Whisper



December Song

MUNCHIES

E. RAZA RONNY



ARIES

Let me show you what it means to Sun.



TAURUS

If you think you are special, you are not.



GEMINI

Can we, like, not even buy winter clothes this year?



CANCER

Join the glorious revolution! Wear polka dot hats.



LEO

Oh dear. You're not going to become an honorary potato.



VIRGO

Have it your way or my way.



LIBRA

Never surrender to the clutches of the Kermit.



SCORPIO

Can you do a backflip forward?



SAGITTARIUS

Ever wondered how life would be if you were a lobster?



CAPRICORN

Never stop cooking what you believe in.



AQUARIUS

Admit it. You are not as kawaii as you thought you would be.



PISCES

Do me a favour. Read the first letter of every sentence above; starting from Cancer.

