

"There's only diversity in the singular forms. Here we go."

By [Steve Thorngate](#)

December 12, 2008

My evangelical grade school tried to instill some big ideas—Creationist talking points, "worldview formation," a vague yet fierce sense of cultural oppression. But the main thing that stuck was a handy little song for remembering the U.S. presidents in order. (It only went through Reagan, though we added then-president George H.W. Bush and, hopeful little culture warriors that we were, vice president and dubious heir apparent Dan Quayle.) It astonishes me how often I return to this song to confirm, say, who was president right before Lincoln (Buchanan).

Of course, dead presidents aren't the only thing worth knowing about: there's also dead *languages*. If you, like me, could stand to improve your Koine Greek, you might enjoy the music videos of Danny Zacharias (whose [biblioblog](#) I encountered via the indispensable [N.T. Wrong](#)). Here's "The First Declension Song":