

**The Free Electric Band**  
**Albert Hammond**

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[Verse 1]

**C** **G**  
My father is a doctor, he s a family man  
**C** **G**  
My mother works for charity whenever she can  
**C** **G**  
They re both good clean Americans who abide by the law  
**C** **G**  
They both stick up for liberty and they both support the war.  
**C7** **F** **G** **C**  
My happiness was paid for when they laid their money down  
**C7** **F** **G** **C**  
For summers in a summercamp and winters in the town  
**G** **F** **C** **G**  
My future in the system was talked about and planned  
**C** **F** **G** **C**  
But I gave it up for music and the Free Electric Band.

[Verse 2]

**C** **G**  
I went to school in handwashed shirts with neatly oiled hair  
**C** **G**  
And the school was big and newly built and filled with light and air  
**C** **G**  
And the teacher taught us values that we had to learn to keep  
**C** **G**  
And they clipped the ear of many idle kid who went to sleep.  
**C** **F** **G** **C**  
Till my father organised for me a college in the east  
**C** **F** **G** **C**  
But I went to California for the sunshine and the beach  
**C** **F** **G** **C**  
My parents and my lecturers could never understand  
N.C **C** **G**  
Why I gave it up for music and the Free electric band.

[Bridge]

**F** **C** **G** **C**  
Well they used to sit and speculate upon their son s career  
**F** **C** **G** **C**  
A lawyer or a docter or a civil engineer  
**F** **C** **G**  
Just give me bread and water, put a guitar in my hand  
**C** **F** **G** **C**  
Cos all I need is music and the Free Electric Band.

[Verse 3]

**C** **G**  
My father sent me money and I spent it very fast  
**C** **G**  
On a girl I met in Berkley in a social science class  
**C** **G**  
Yes and we learned about her body but her mind we did not know  
**C** **G**  
Until deep routed attitudes and morals began to show  
**C** **F** **G** **C**  
She wanted to get married even though she never said  
**C** **F** **G** **C**  
And I knew her well enough by now to see inside her head  
**C** **F** **G** **C**  
She d settle for suburbia and a little patch of land  
N.C **C** **G**  
So I gave her up for music and the Free Electric Band.

[Outro]

**C** **G**  
Oooh the Free Electric Band.  
**C** **G**  
shaladah badup dup dee dee dee with Free Electric Band.  
**C** **G**  
shaladah badup dup dee dee dee with Free Electric Band.  
(Repeat and fade)