

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)