

What Made America Famous

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G 3 2 0 0 0 3
C 3 2 0 1 0
C/B 2 2 0 1 0
Am 0 2 2 1 0
D 0 2 3 2
C/G 3 3 2 0 1 0
F 1 3 3 2 1 1
Bb 1 3 3 3 1
A 0 2 2 2 0
B 2 4 4 4 2

N.C.

[tab]G C C/B
It was the town that made America famous[/tab] The
Am D G
churches full and the kids
gone to hell
[tab]G
Six traffic lights, and seven cops[/tab]
[tab] C C C/B
And all the streets kept clean[/tab]
[tab]Am D C G
The supermarket and the drug store and the bars all doin well[/tab]
[tab]G C C/B
Now they were the folks that made America famous[/tab]
[tab] Am C D G
Our local fire department stocked with short-haired volunteers[/tab]
[tab]G
And on Saturday night, while America boozes[/tab]
[tab] C C C/B
The fire department showed dirty movies[/tab]
[tab] Am C/B Am C/G Am

**C/G**

The lawyer and the grocer seein their dreams come to life on the movie screen[/tab]

[tab]**F** **D** **C**

While the plumber hopes that he won t be seen, as he tries to hide his fears[/tab]

[tab] **G**

And he wipes away his tears[/tab]

[tab] **Bb** **A**

But somethin s burinin somewhere[/tab]

[tab] **B** **G**

DOES ANYBODY CARE?[/tab]

[tab]**G** **C** **C/B**

We were the kids that made America famous[/tab]

[tab] **Am** **D** **G**

The kind of kids that long since drove our parents to despair[/tab]

[tab]**G**

We were lazy long-hairs droppin out[/tab]

[tab]**C** **C** **C/B**

Lost, confused, and coppin out[/tab]

[tab]**Am** **D**

Convinced our futures were in doubt[/tab]

[tab]**C** **G**

And tryin not to care[/tab]

[tab]**G** **C** **C/B**

We lived in the house that made America famous[/tab]

[tab] **Am** **C** **D** **G**

It was a run-down slum, the shame of all the decent folks in town[/tab]

[tab]**G**

We re hippies and some welfare cases[/tab]

[tab]**C** **C** **C/B**

Crowded families of cold, black faces[/tab]

[tab]**Am** **C/B** **Am**

Cramped inside some cracked old boards[/tab]

[tab]**C/G** **Am** **C/G**

The best that we all could afford[/tab]

[tab]**F** **D** **C**

But still too fine for the rich landlord to ever tear it down[/tab]

[tab]**G**

And we could hear the sound[/tab]

[tab] **Bb** **A**

Of somethin burnin somewhere[/tab]

[tab] **B** **G**

IS ANYBODY THERE?[/tab]

[tab]**G** **C** **C/B**

We all lived the life that made America famous[/tab]

[tab] **Am** **D** **G**

Our cops would make a point to shadow us around our town[/tab]

[tab]G C C C/B  
And we love children put a swastika on the bright red firehouse door[/tab]  
[tab]Am D C G  
America, the beautiful, it makes a body proud[/tab]

[tab]G C C/B  
And then came the night that made America famous[/tab]  
[tab] Am C D G  
Was it carelessness or someone s sick idea of a joke?[/tab]  
[tab] G C C C/B  
In the tinder-box trap we hippies lived in someone struck a spark[/tab]  
[tab] Am C/B Am  
At first I thought that I was dreamin [/tab]  
[tab]C/G Am C/G  
Then I saw the first flames gleamin [/tab]  
[tab]F D  
And heard the sound of children screamin [/tab]  
[tab]C G  
Comin through the smoke[/tab]

[tab] Bb A  
And somethin s burnin somewhere[/tab]  
[tab] B G  
DOES ANYBODY CARE?[/tab]

[tab]G C C/B  
Oh, it was the fire that made America famous[/tab]  
[tab] Am D G  
The sirens wailed and the firemen stumbled sleepin from their homes[/tab]  
[tab]G  
And when the plumber yelled, "C mon, let s go!"[/tab]  
[tab]C C C/B  
They saw what was burnin and said, "Take it slow"[/tab]  
[tab]Am  
"Let em sweat a little"[/tab]  
[tab]D  
"They ll never know"[/tab]  
[tab]C  
"And besides, we just cleaned the chrome"[/tab]  
[tab]N.C. G  
Said the plumber, "Then I m goin alone"[/tab]

[tab]G  
Well he rolled on up in the fire truck[/tab]  
[tab]Am  
And raised the ladder to the ledge[/tab]  
[tab] C C/B Am D  
While me and my girl and a couple of kids were clinging like bats to the  
edge[/tab]  
[tab]G  
We staggered to salvation[/tab]  
[tab]C C C/B  
Collapsed on the street[/tab]

[tab] **Am** **D**  
And I never thought that a fat man s face[/tab]

[tab] **C** **G**  
Would ever look so sweet[/tab]

[tab]**G** **C** **C/B**  
I shook his hand in the scene that made America famous[/tab]

[tab] **Am** **D** **G**  
And he smiled from the heart that made America great[/tab]

[tab] **G** **C**  
**C** **C/B**  
We spent the rest of that night in the home of this man that we d never known before[/tab]

[tab] **Am** **D** **C** **G**  
It s funny; when you get that close, it s kind of hard to hate[/tab]

[tab]**G** **C** **C/B**  
I went to sleep with the hope that made America famous[/tab]

[tab] **Am** **C** **D** **G**  
I had the kind of a dream that maybe they re still trying to teach in school[/tab]

[tab]**G** **C** **C/B**  
O the America that made America famous[/tab]

[tab]**Am** **C/B** **Am**  
And of the people who just might understand[/tab]

[tab]**C/G** **Am** **C/G**  
That how together, yes we can[/tab]

[tab]**F**  
Create a country better than[/tab]

[tab]**D**  
The one we have made of this land[/tab]

[tab]**F**  
We have the choice[/tab]

[tab]**F**  
To make each man[/tab]

[tab]**D**  
Who dares to dream[/tab]

[tab]**D**  
Reachin out his hand[/tab]

[tab]**C** **G**  
A prophet or just a crazy damn dreamer or a fraud[/tab]

[tab] **C** **G**  
Yes, a crazy fraud[/tab]

[tab] **Bb** **A**  
and somethin s burnin somewhere[/tab]

[tab]**B** **G**  
DOES ANYBODY CARE?[/tab]

[tab] **G**  
IS ANYBODY THERE?[/tab]

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IS ANYBODY THERE?????[/tab]

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XX juggle,    |. .|       XX      juggler@Brown.edu          XX
XX therefore  ( v )       XX      (401)863-5276 <school>        XX
XX I am.      \-/        XX      (201)927-XXXX <summer>        XX
XX           _o_         XX                                     XX
XX I          /  o  \     XX      "mashed potatoes can be      XX
XX juggle    | ^o  ||    XX          your friend"          XX
XX here three, -W  //    XX                                     XX
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