

**First Few Desperate Hours**  
**The Mountain Goats**

**E** : 022100  
**F#**: 044200  
**A** : 077600  
**B** : 099800  
**E\***: x79997

[Intro]

**E F# A** x3  
**E F# A A**

[Verse 1]

**E** **F#** **A**  
Bad luck comes in from Tampa  
**E** **F#** **A**  
Bad luck comes in from Tampa  
**E**  
On the back of a truck  
**B**  
Doing ninety up the interstate  
**E** **F#** **A**  
We have bad dreams the night he rolls in  
**E** **F#** **A**  
We have bad dreams the night he rolls in  
**E** **B**  
And we try to keep our sprits high

[Chorus]

**E\*** **A**  
But they flag and they wane  
**F#** **A**  
When the truck pulls up out front  
**B**  
In the light spring rain  
**E\*** **A**  
And they sag like withering flowers  
**F#** **A**  
Let the good times roll on  
**B**  
Through these first few desperate hours

[Instrumental]

**E F# A** x3  
**E F# A A**

[Verse 2]

**E** **F#** **A**  
Yeah the driver drops his cargo at the curb  
**E** **F#** **A**  
The driver drops his cargo at the curb  
**E**  
And the sun peeks in  
**B**  
Like a killer through the curtain  
**E** **F#** **A**  
And when cloven hoof prints turn up in the garden  
**E** **F#** **A**  
Yeah when cloven hoof prints turn up in the garden  
**E**  
We keep up the good fight  
**B**  
We keep our spirits light

[Chorus]

**E\*** **A**  
But they draw like flies  
**F#** **A**  
And there s a stomach-churning shift  
**B**  
In the way the land lies  
**E\*** **A**  
And they lean like towers  
**F#** **A**  
On a hillside struggling to stand  
**B**  
Through these first few desperate hours yeah

[Outro]

**E F# A** x3  
**E F# A A A E**