

**Headmaster Ritual**  
**The Smiths**

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(Open E tuning)

e Standard  
B Standard  
G tune up to G#  
D tune up to 6E  
A tune up to 7B  
E Standard

(D;hords)

**F6/C** : 8 8 7 6 0 0  
**F6add9** : 3 3 2 1 0 0  
**D** : 0 0 0 0 0 0 var (0 0 0 0 0 4)  
**Gsus2/D** : 10 10 9 8 0 0  
**Gmaj7** : 5 5 5 5 5 5  
**A** : 7 7 7 7 7 7  
**Bm7** : 9 x 0 8 0 0  
**F#** : 4 4 4 4 4 4  
**E6add9** : 4 4 2 2 2 2  
**A/E** : 0 0 7 7 7 7  
**G** : 5 5 5 5 5 5  
**C** : 10 10 10 10 10 10

(Riff 1)

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E |-----0--|
B |-----0--|
G#|-----1-0-----1-0--0--|
E |-----|
B |-----2-3-----0-2-3-----|
E |-0-----0-----|
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(Riff 2)

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Bmadd9           Dmaj7           F#m
E |-----0-----2-0-----0-----|
B |-----4-----4-----4-----4-----4-----0--|
G#|-----0--0--0--0--0--0-----0--0--0--0--0--0--0-5--|
E |-----0-----0-----|
B |--2-----0-----|
E |-----4-----5-----|
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[Intro]

**F6/C**            **F6add9** D var D (Here play the open E, play the E var with the added  
G# and to open E )  
**F6/C**            **F6add9** D var D  
**F6/C**            **Gsus2/DF6add9**  
**F6/C**            **F6add9**

(Riff 1) (x4)

**F6/C**            **F6add9**

(Riff 1) (x3)

**F6/C**            **F6add9**

(Riff 1)

[Verse]

**Gmaj7**        **A**  
Belligerent ghouls  
      **D**            **Bm7**  
Run Manchester schools

**Gmaj7**        **A**  
Spineless swines  
      **C**            Riff 1  
Cemented minds

**A**  
Sir leads the troops, Jealous of youth  
**Gmaj7**                    **D** **Bm7**  
Same old suit since 1962

**A**  
He does the military two-step  
**F#**  
Down the nape of my neck

[Chorus]

(Riff 2)

I wanna go home  
I don t wanna stay

**E6add9**        **A/E**

Give up education

**G F# G**

As a bad mistake

(Riff 2)

Mid-week on the playing fields

Sir thwacks you on the knees, Knees you in the

**E6add9 A/E**

groin Elbow in the face

**Gmaj7 F#**

Bruises bigger than dinner plates

**G**

I wanna go home

**F#**

I don t wanna stay here