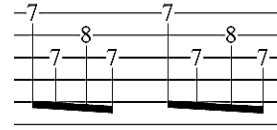


# THE PRETENDER

Intro: Piano: |G... G| G Gsus4 Am G | Cmaj7/E.... |... | 2X  
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Guitar:



**G C G D C**  
 I'm gonna rent myself a house in the shade of the freeway Gonna pack my lunch in the morning, and go to work each day

**G C G C**  
 And when the evening rolls around, I'll go on home and lay my body down

**G D C G/B Am G C G/B Am G**  
 And when the morning light comes streaming in I'll get up and do it again Amen Say it again Amen

**G C G**  
 I want to know what became of the changes, We waited for love to bring Were they only the fitful dreams

**D C G C G C**  
 Of some greater awakening I've been aware of the time going by They say in the end it's the wink of an eye

**G D C G/B Am G C G/B Am G**  
 And when the morning light comes streaming in I'll get up and do it again Amen

**G D C Em C-B7 C**  
 Caught between the longing for love And the struggle for the legal tender Where the sirens sing and the

**C/G Em C G**  
 church bells ring And the junkman pounds his fender Where the veterans dream of the fight,

**B7/E Em Asus2 Esus4/G D/F# D Em - D**  
 Fast asleep at the traffic light And the children solemnly wait for the ice cream vendor

**Cmaj7 D Em Cmaj7 D G**  
 Out into the cool of the evening, strolls the pretender He knows that all his hopes and dreams Begin and end there

**Guitar Break** | *nc* | | **G** | | **G** |

**ICmaj7 IG I ICmaj7 I IEm I D#m7b5 I**  
 Ah the lovers as they run through the night Leaving nothing but to choose off and fight And tear at the

**IG/B IC IG/B IEm ID Dsus4I D..... I**  
 world with all their might While the ships bearing their dreams Sail out of sight I'm gonna

**G..... C/G**  
 find myself a girl, Who can show me what laughter means Then we'll

**G D C G C**  
 fill in the missing colors in each others Paint by number dream And then we'll put our dark glasses on

**G C G D**  
 And we'll make love until our strength is gone And when the morning light comes streaming in

**C G/B Am G C G/B Am G**  
 we'll get up and do it again get it up again

**G D C Em B7 C**  
 I'm gonna be a happy idiot, and struggle for the legal tender Where the ads take aim, and lay their claim

**Em C G B7 Em**  
 To the heart and the soul of the spender And believe in whatever may lie In those things that money can buy

**A9 A/G D/F# Em - D Cmaj7.. D.. Em.....**  
 Though true love could have been a contender Are you there, say a prayer for the pretender

**Cmaj7 D G G Cmaj7 Cmaj7**  
 Who started out so young and strong only to surrender *<guitar break riff>* Say a prayer for the pretender

**G Cmaj7 G Cmaj7 G Cmaj7**  
 Are you there for the pretender Are you prepared for the pretender Are you there for the pretender

**Piano Intro**

The image shows a musical score for a piano introduction. It is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The score consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The tempo and dynamics are marked as *mf* (mezzo-forte). The piece begins with a sustained G major chord in the right hand and a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes in the left hand. The right hand then moves to a series of chords and a melodic line, while the left hand continues with a steady eighth-note accompaniment.