

THE PRETENDER

Intro: G/D D Gsus4 G Cmaj7 2X

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

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

And when the morning light comes streaming in I'll get up and do it again Amen Say it again Amen

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

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

And when the morning light comes streaming in I'll get up and do it again Amen

Caught between the longing for love And the struggle for the legal tender Where the sirens sing and the church bells ring

And the junkman pounds his fender Where the veterans dream of the fight,

Fast asleep at the traffic light And the children solemnly wait for the ice cream vendor

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

Guitar Break | G | |
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-2/4-----2p0-2p0-----
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Ah the lovers as they run through the night Leaving nothing but to choose off and fight

And tear at the world with all their might While the ships bearing their

dreams Sail out of sight I'm gonna

find myself a girl, Who can show me what laughter means Then we'll

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

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

we'll get up and do it again get it up again

I'm gonna be a happy idiot, and struggle for the legal tender Where the ads take aim, and lay their claim

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

Though true love could have been a contender Are you there, say a prayer for the pretender

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

Are you there for the pretender Are you prepared for the pretender Are you there for the pretender