

Summer of 69

strumming for verse -> | DddDdddd | dddddddd |

for everything else -> | D-Du-uDu |

| 1 2 3 4 | 1 2 3 4 | 1 2 3 4 | 1 2 3 4 |

Verse

| C | C | G | G |

V1 I got my first real six string Bought it at the five and dime
 V2 Me and some guys from scho- ol had a band and we tried real hard
 V3 Ain't no use in complainin' When you've got a job to do
 V4 And now the times are changin' Look at everything that's come and gone

| C | C | G | G |

Played it till my fin - gers bled It was the summer of six - ty nine
 Jimmy quit, Jody got marr - ied Shoulda known we'd never get far
 Spent my evenings down at the drive-in And that's when I met you, yeah
 Sometimes when I play that old six-string I think about you, wonder what went wrong

Pre-Chorus

| Am | G | C | F |

V1 Oh, but when I look back now That summer seemed to last forever
 V2 Standin' on your mama's porch You told me that you'd wait forever

| Am | G | C | F |

And if I had the choice Yeah, I'd always wanna be there
 Oh, and when you held my hand I knew that it was now or never

| Am | G (hold) |

Those were the best days of my...

Chorus (use Riff 1)

| C | C | G | G |

...life Oh Yeah Back in the summer of

| C | C | G | G |

sixty nine Oh Yeah

Bridge

| Eb | Ab | Bb | Ab |

Man, we were killin' time, we were young and restless We needed to unwind

| Eb | Ab | Bb | Bb |

I guess nothin' can last forever, forever, no

Structure

Verse 1, Verse 2, Pre-Chorus, Chorus, Verse 3, Pre-Chorus, Chorus, Bridge, Verse 4, Chorus x2

Riff 1 (accurate version)

Musical notation for Riff 1 (accurate version) in 4/4 time. The piece is written in G major. The guitar part consists of four measures. The first two measures use Csus2, C, Csus4, and C chords. The last two measures use Gsus2, G, Gsus4, and G chords. The tablature shows the following fret numbers: Measure 1: 5-7-8-5-7-5; Measure 2: 7-5-7-5-7-5; Measure 3: 0-3-2-3-3-2; Measure 4: 2-3-2-3-0-2.

Riff 2 (easier version)

Musical notation for Riff 2 (easier version) in 4/4 time. The piece is written in G major. The guitar part consists of four measures. The first two measures use Csus2, C, Csus4, and C chords. The last two measures use Gsus2, G, Gsus4, and G chords. The tablature shows the following fret numbers: Measure 1: 2-0-0-0-1-0; Measure 2: 0-0-0-2-0-0; Measure 3: 0-3-2-3-3-2; Measure 4: 2-3-2-3-0-2.

I got my first real six-string
 Bought it at the five-and-dime
 Played it 'til my fingers bled
 Was the summer of sixty-nine
 Me and some guys from school
 Had a band and we tried real hard
 Jimmy quit, Jody got married
 I should've known we'd never get far

Oh, when I look back now
 That summer seemed to last forever
 And if I had the choice
 Yeah, I'd always wanna be there
 Those were the best days of my life

Ain't no use in complainin'
 When you've got a job to do
 Spent my evenings down at the drive-in
 And that's when I met you, yeah

Standin' on your mama's porch
 You told me that you'd wait forever
 Oh, and when you held my hand
 I knew that it was now or never
 Those were the best days of my life

Oh, yeah
 Back in the summer of sixty-nine, oh

Man, we were killin' time, we were young and
 restless
 We needed to unwind
 I guess nothin' can last forever, forever, no

And now the times are changin'
 Look at everything that's come and gone
 Sometimes when I play that old six-string
 I think about you, wonder what went wrong

Standin' on your mama's porch
 You told me that it'd last forever
 Oh, and when you held my hand
 I knew that it was now or never
 Those were the best days of my life

Oh, yeah
 Back in the summer of sixty-nine, oh
 It was the summer of sixty-nine, oh, yeah
 Me and my baby in sixty-nine, oh
 It was the summer, the summer, the summer of
 sixty-nine, yeah