

Capo IV

**G** %

couplet 1

**G** % **D** %

I got my first real six-string bought it at the five and dime

**G** % **D** %

Played it 'till my fingers bled was the summer of sixty nine

**G** % **D** %

Me and some guys from school had a band and we tried real hard

**G** % **D** %

Jimmy quit, Jody got married i should a known we'd never get far.

refrain 1

**Em** **D** **G** **C**

Oh when I look back now that summer seemed to last forever

**Em** **D** **G** **C**

And if i had the choice yeah I'd always wanna be there

**Em** **D** **G** % **D** %

Those were the best days of my life oh yeah!

couplet 2

**G** % **D** %

Ain't no use in complainin' when you got a job to do

**G** % **D** %

Spent my evenin's down at the drive-in and that's when I met you

refrain 2

**Em** **D** **G** **C**

Standin' on your mama's porch you told me that you'd wait forever

**Em** **D** **G** **C**

Oh and when you held my hand I knew that it was now or never

**Em** **D** **G** %

Those were the best days of my life

**D** % **G** % **D** %

oh! yeah back in summer of '69.

bridge

**Bb**                      **Eb**                                      **F**                                      **Eb**  
 Man we were killin' time we were young and restless, We needed to unwind  
**Bb**              **Eb**                                      **F**                      %  
 I guess nothin' can last forever, forever no.

intro

**G**    %    **D**    %    **G**    %    **D**    %

couplet 3

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

refrain 3

**Em**                      **D**                                      **G**                                      **C**  
 Standin' on your mama's porch you told me it would last forever  
**Em**                      **D**                                      **G**                                      **C**  
 Oh the way you held my hand I knew that it was now or never  
**Em**                      **D**                                      **G**    %    **D**  
 Those were the best days of my life oh yeah!

%                                      **G**    %  
 Back in the summer of sixty nine  
**D**    %                                      **G**    %    **D**  
 Oh! oh! it was summer of sixty nine  
 %                                      **G**    %    **D**    %    **G**    %    **D**    %    **G**  
 Me and my baby it was sixty nine...