

I got my first real six-string  
Bought it at the five-and-dime  
Played it 'til my fingers bled  
Was the summer of '69  
Me and some guys from school  
Had a band and we tried real hard  
Jimmy quit, Joey got married  
I shoulda known we'd never get far

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

Ain't no use in complainin'  
When you 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 '69  
Ohhhhh!

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

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

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