

THE PRETENDER

G **G** **C** **C**
 I'M GONNA RENT MYSELF A HOUSE IN THE SHADE OF THE FREEWAY
G **G** **D** **C**
 GONNA PACK MY LUNCH IN THE MORNING AND GO TO WORK EACH DAY
G **C**
 AND WHEN THE EVENING ROLLS AROUND,
G **C**
 I'LL GO ON HOME AND LAY MY BODY DOWN
G **D**
 AND WHEN THE MORNING LIGHT COMES STREAMING IN,
C - G/B-Am7 G **C-G/B-Am7**
 I'LL GET UP AND DO IT AGAIN. A- MEN. SAY IT AGAIN, A- MEN.

G **G** **G** **C** **C**
 I WANT TO KNOW WHAT BECAME OF THE CHANGES WE WAITED FOR LOVE TO BRING
G **G** **D** **C**
 WERE THEY ONLY THE FITFUL DREAMS OF SOME GREATER AWAKENING?
G **C**
 I'VE BEEN AWARE OF THE TIME GOING BY.
G **C**
 THEY SAY IN THE END, IT'S THE WINK OF AN EYE
G **D**
 AND WHEN THE MORNING LIGHT COMES STREAMING IN
C- G/B -Am7 G **C-G/B-Am7**
 YOU'LL GET UP AND DO IT AGAIN. A-MEN.

G **D** **C**
 CAUGHT BETWEEN THE LONGING FOR LOVE AND THE STRUGGLE FOR LEGAL TENDER
Em, B7 **C/G** **C/G**
 WHERE THE SIRENS SING AND THE CHURCH BELLS RING
Em **Em**
 AND THE JUNK MAN POUNDS HIS FENDER
C **G**
 WHERE THE VETERANS DREAM OF THE FIGHT
B7
 FAST ASLEEP AT THE TRAFFIC LIGHT,
Em **A7** **A7/G** **D/F#**
 AND THE CHILDREN SOLEMNLY WAIT FOR THE ICE CREAM VENDOR.
Em-D **C** **D** **Em** **Em**
 OUT INTO THE COOL OF THE EVENING STROLLS THE PRETENDER.
C **D** **G** **G G**
 HE KNOWS THAT ALL HIS HOPES AND DREAMS BEGIN AND END THERE.
C **C** **G** **G C**
 AH, THE LOVERS AS THEY RUN THROUGH THE NIGHT
C **Em**
 LEAVING NOTHING BUT TO CHOOSE OFF AND FIGHT
D#o7 **G/D** **C**
 AND TEAR AT THE WORLD WITH ALL THEIR MIGHT
G/B **Em** **G/D** **D**
 WHILE THE SHIPS BEARING THEIR DREAMS SAIL OUT OF SIGHT.

G **G** **C** **C**
 I'M GONNA FIND MYSELF A GIRL WHO CAN SHOW ME WHAT LAUGHTER MEANS

G **G**
 AND WE'LL FILL IN THE MISSING COLORS IN EACH OTHER'S
D **C** **G** **C**
 PAINT-BY NUMBER DREAMS. AND THEN WE'LL PUT OUR DARK GLASSES ON,

G **C**
 AND WE'LL MAKE LOVE UNTIL OUR STRENGTH IS GONE.
G **D**
 AND WHEN THE MORNING LIGHT COMES STREAMING IN,
C - G/B G **C - G/B - Am7**
 WE'LL GET UP AND DO IT AGAIN. GET IT UP AGAIN.
G **D** **C** **Em** **B7**
 I'M GONNA BE A HAPPY IDIOT AND STRUGGLE FOR THE LEGAL TENDER,
C/G **C/G**
 WHERE THE ADS TAKE AIM AND LAY THEIR CLAIM
Em
 TO THE HEART AND THE SOUL OF THE SPENDER
Em **C** **G** **B7**
 AND BELIEVE IN WHATEVER MAY LIE IN THOSE THINGS THAT MONEY CAN BUY.
Em **A7** **A7/G** **D/F#** **Em -**
 THOUGHT TRUE LOVE COULD HAVE BEEN A CONTENDER
D **C** **D** **Em**
 ARE YOU THERE? SAY A PRAYER FOR THE PRETENDER
Em **C** **D** **G** **G**
 WHO STARTED OUT SO YOUNG AND STRONG, ONLY TO SURRENDER.
G **G** **C** **C,G** **G** **C**
 SAY A PRAYER FOR THE PRETENDER ARE YOU THERE FOR THE PRETENDER?