

# Albert Hammond, The Free Electric Band

My father is a doctor he's a family man  
my mother works for charity whenever she can  
and they're both good clean americans who abide by the law  
and they both stick up for liberty and they both support the war  
my happiness was paid for when they laid their money down  
for summers in a summer camp and winters in the town  
my future in the system was talked about and planned  
but I gave it up for music and The Free Electric Band

I went to school in handwashed shirts with neatly ordered hair  
and the school was big and newly built and filled with light and air  
and the teachers taught us values that we had to learn to keep  
and they'd clip the ear of any idle kid who went to sleep  
my father organised for me a college in the east  
but I went to California the sunshine and the beach  
my parents and my lecturers could never understand  
why I gave it up for music and The Free Electric Band

well they used to sit and speculate upon their son's career  
a lawyer or a doctor or a civil engineer  
just give me bread and water put a guitar in my hand  
cos all i need is music and The Free Electric Band

my father sent me money and I spent it very fast  
on a girl I met in Berkeley in a social science class  
yes and we learnt about her body but her mind we didn't know  
until deep rooted attitudes and morals began to show  
she wanted to get married even though she never said  
but I knew her well enough by now to see inside her head  
she'd settle for suburbia and a little patch of land  
so I gave her up for music and The Free Electric Band

ooh....The Free Electric Band....