

The Pretender (Jackson Browne) [abbrev]

Intro: G C G C

G C
I'm gonna rent myself a house in the shade of the freeway,
G D C
Gonna pack my lunch in the morning, and go to work each day
G C G C
And when the evening rolls around, I'll go on home and lay my body down
G D
And when the morning light comes streaming in
C B Am G C B Am G
I'll get up and do it again Amen Say it again A-----men

D C Em B7
Caught between the longing for love And the struggle for the legal tender
C Em
Where the sirens sing and the church bells ring And the junkman pounds his fender
C G B7 Em
Where the veterans dream of the fight, Fast asleep at the traffic light
A7sus A7 D Em D
And the children solemnly wait for the ice cream vendor
C D Em
Out into the cool of the evening, strolls the Pretender
C D G C G
He knows that all his hopes and dreams Begin and end there

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C G
Ah the laughter of the lovers as they run through the night
C Em
Leaving nothing for the others but to choose off and fight
B7 G C
And tear at the world with all their might
G Dsus D
While the ships bearing their dreams Sail out of sight

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I'm gonna find myself a girl, Who can show me what laughter means
Then we'll fill in the missing colors in each others paint-by-number dreams
And then we'll put our dark glasses on And we'll make love until our strength is gone
And when the morning light comes streaming in
We'll get up and do it again Get it up again

I'm gonna be a happy idiot, and struggle for the legal tender
Where the ads take aim, and lay their claim To the heart and the soul of the spender
And believe in whatever may lie In those things that money can buy
Though true love could have been a contender
Are you there, say a prayer for the Pretender
Who started out so young and strong only to surrender

OUTRO: Say a prayer for the Pretender Are you there for the Pretender?