

We Built This City - Starship (1985) | Key: E (-½ step)

[Intro - Single strums!]

A
We built this city,
E/G# E E/F# E/G#
We built this city on rock and roll
A
Built this city,
E/G# B A
We built this city on rock and roll, oh!

[Instrumental]

E5 A5 G#5 F#5
E5 A5 B E
E5 A5 G#5 F#5
E5 A5 B E

[Verse 1]

E A/E
Say you don't know me, or recognize my face
D/E B7/E E
Say you don't care who goes to that kind of place
E A/E
Knee deep in the hoopla, sinking in your fight
D/E B7/E E
Too many runaways eating up the night

[Pre-Chorus]

C#m A/C# Bsus4 B
Marconi plays the mamba, listen to the radio,
E A
Don't you remember
E A G#5 F#5
We built this city,
E A E B C#m
We built this city on rock and roll

[Chorus]

A
We built this city,
E/G# E E/F# E/G#
We built this city on rock and roll
A
Built this city,
E/G# B G#m A
We built this city on rock and roll

[Instrumental]

E5 A5 G#5 F#5
E5 A5 B E

[Verse 2]

E A/E
Someone's always playing corporation games
D/E B7/E E
Who cares they're always changing corporation names
E A/E
We just want to dance here, someone stole the stage
D/E B7/E E
They call us irresponsible, write us off the page

[Repeat Pre-Chorus]

[Repeat Chorus]

[Bridge]

A | A | A | A |
G#m A
It's just another Sunday,
G#m A
In a tired old street
G#m A
Police have got the choke hold, oh----oh, oh, oh,
G#m A E
And we just lost the beat

[Verse 3]

E A/E
Who counts the money underneath the bar
D/E B7/E E
Who rides the wrecking ball into our guitars
E
Don't tell us you need us,
A/E
'cos we're the ship of fools
D/E B7/E E
Looking for America, coming through your schools

[Interlude]

C#m | A/C# | Bsus4 | B |
E A
don't you remember
E A G#5 F#5
remember, remember
E A G#5 E

[Repeat Pre-Chorus]

[Repeat Chorus 2x]

Fun fact: This song has been named "the worst song ever" by Blender, VH1, GQ, and a Rolling Stone readers poll that "could be the biggest blow-out victory in the history of the Rolling Stone Readers Poll". (wikipedia)

[Outro Jam on A, repeat and fade]
We built, we built this city!