Ray Davies "Back In The Front Room"

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Got back to the frontroom, Dave was plugged in to the green amplifier

Pete was on the bass, they sounded great
Dave had this great way of playing the guitar
The way Dave played was very individual
I'd been overwhelmed by all the culture
Art School prays the life I'd never really understand
I sat down and started to jam,
was astounded by the speed of Dave's hands
The way Dave played guitar was very similar to the way
he spoke
Exactly

I thought to myself "This is the way it's gonna be. I'm gonna join this band, leave college behind. Forget culture, rock 'n' roll is where it's at"

And daytime was dawning
We were up all night, we were all yawning
But we were playing, raving
Sometimes so loud, to the early morning

Our friends keep knocking at the door The neighbours shouted out "No more" They even sent the police around to hear us play And this is the way we played

We thought "If we could annoy all of the neighbours with the green amp think of what we could do with a four piece band" But there was no doubt Dave was the star, a connoisseur of the old twelve bar And even dad said "That boy is bloody marvelous" As I said Pete was on the bass, so the only way I could SLY my way into the band was to become the rhythm guitar player While we were bouncing up and down the house was shaking to the sound of the full distortion from the gramophone We had stayed up playing all night long ran out of other people's songs so we started making music of our own

And dawn was breaking, my mind was calculating
This time there's no more waiting
I was awake, my mind was clear
I could see a way out of here

And then the cops knocked at the door with letters from solicitors
We'd disturb the peace and woke up all the neighbours
But dad says "Forget the neighbours.
Keep playing, boys, keep playing"

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