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"Rock 'N Roll"

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Oh, I can still remember when I bought my first guitar

Remember walking from the shop to put it proudly in
my car

And my family listened fifty times to my two song
repertoire

I told my Mom her only son was gonna be a star.

Well I bought all the Beatles records, sounded just like
hall

Or Buddy Holly or Chuck Berry's, seventy-eight in all

And I sat by my record player playing every note they
played

I watched them all on TV, copied every move they
made.

Oh, Rock'n'Roll I gave you all the best years of my life

All the teeny sunny Sundays, all the moonless summer
nights

I was so busy in the bed room, writing love songs to
you

But you were changing your direction and I never even
knew

That I was always just one step behind you.

Well, sixty-six seemed like the year I was really goin'
somewhere

I was living in San Francisco wearing flowers in my hair

Singing songs of kindness so the world would
understand

The guys and me thought we were more than just
another band.

Oh, Rock'n'Roll I gave you all the best years of my life

All the crazy, lazy young days, all the magic moony
nights

I was so busy on the road, singing love songs to you

But you were changing your direction and you never
even knew

That I was always just one step behind you.

Seventy-one I was all alone when I met Sarah-Jane

I was trying to go it solo with someone else's band

When she came up to me softly and she took me by the
hand

She listened to my problems and she seemed to
understand.

And she followed me to London to a hundred hotel
rooms

To a hundred record companies who didn't like my
tunes

And she followed me back to Tennessee where she
finally made me see

I'm just a plain old Country boy and that's all I'll ever be.

Oh, Rock'n'Roll I gave you all the best years of my life

All the teeny sunny Sundays, all the moonless summer
nights

Oh, I never knew the magic I'm making it with you

I'm getting along with a Country song doing what I
wanna do

When I was always just one step behind you.

