I got my first real six-string, ... bought it at the five-and-dime, Played 'til my fingers bled, ... it was the summer of '69.

Me and some guys from school ... had a band and we tried real hard. Jimmy quit and Jody got married, ... I should a known we'd never get far.

Oh when I look back now, ... that summer seemed to last forever. And if I had the choice, ... Yeah - I'd always wanna be there, Those were the best days of my life.

Ain't no use in complainin' ... when you've got a job to do. Spent my evenin's down at the drive in, ... and that's when I met you.

Standin on your mama's porch, ...
You told me that you'd wait forever.
Oh, and when you held my hand, ... I knew that it was now or never.
Those were the best days of my life.
Oh yeah, back in the summer of 69'.

Man we were killin' time, we were young and restless, we needed to unwind, ... I guess nothin' can last forever, forever, no.

And now the times are changin', ... look at everything that's come and gone. Sometimes when I play that old six-string, ... I think about ya', wonder what went wrong.

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Oh, yeah, ... back in the summer of 69'!