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E /// /// /// ///

E A

The mayor hides the crime rate, council woman hesitates

E A

Public gets irate, but forget the vote date

E A

Weatherman complaining, predicted sun, it's raining

E A

Everyone's protesting, boyfriend keeps suggesting

F# B7 E

You're not like all of the rest

E A

Garbage ain't collected, women ain't protected

E A

Politicians using, people they've been abusing

E A

The mafia's getting bigger, like pollution in the river

F# B7 E

And you tell me that this is where it's at

A

Woke up this morning with an ache in my head

Splashed on my clothes as I spilled out of bed

Opened the window to listen to the news

B7

But all I heard was the Establishment's Blues

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E A
Gun sales are soaring, housewives find life boring

E A
Divorce the only answer, smoking causes cancer

E A
This system's gonna fall soon, to an angry young tune

F# B7 E
And that's a concrete cold fact

E A
The pope digs population, freedom from taxation

E A
Teeny Bops are up tight, drinking at a stoplight

E A
Miniskirt is flirting I can't stop so I'm hurting

F# B7 E
Spinster sells her hopeless chest

E A
Adultery plays the kitchen, bigot cops non-fiction
E A
The little man gets shafted, sons and monies drafted
E A
Living by a time piece, new war in the far east
F# B7
Can you pass the Rorschach test
A
It's a hassle is an educated guess
B7 E
Well, frankly I couldn't care less