

**D** **A**  
I got my first real six string - bought it at the five'n'dime

**D** **A**  
Played until my fingers bled - it was the summer of '69

**D** **A**  
Me and some guys from school - had a band and we tried real hard

**D** **A**  
Jimmy quit, Jody got married - shoulda known we'd never get far

**Bm** **A** **D** **G**  
Oh when I look back now - that summer seemed to last for ever

**Bm** **A** **D** **G**  
And if I had the choice - yeah I'd always wanna be there

**Bm** **A** **D - A - D - A**  
Those were the best days of my life

**D** **A**  
Ain't no use complaining - when you gotta job to do

**D** **A**  
Spent my evenings down at the drive in - and that's when I met you, yeah

**Bm** **A** **D** **G**  
Standing on your mamma's porch - you told me that you'd wait forever

**Bm** **A** **D** **G**  
And when I held your hand - I knew that it was now or never

**Bm** **A** **D** **A** **D A**  
Those were the best days of my life - back in the summer of '69

