

Joe's Garage

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A boring old garage in a residential area with a teen-age band rehearsing in it. JOE (the main character in the CENTRAL SCRUTINIZER'S Special Presentation) sings to us of the trials and tribulations of garage-band husbandry. We take you now, to a garage, in Canoga Park. (It makes

it's own sauce...) It wasn't very large
There was just enough room to cram the drums
In the corner over by the Dodge
It was a fifty-four
With a mashed up door
And a cheesy little amp
With a sign on the front said "Fender Champ"
And a second hand guitar
It was a Stratocaster with a whammy bar
At this point, LARRY (a guy who will eventually give up music and earn a respectable living as a roadie for a group called Toad-O) joins in the song... We could jam in Joe's Garage

His mama was screamin'

His dad was mad

We was playin' the same old song

In the afternoon 'n' sometimes we would

Play it all night long

It was all we knew, 'n' easy too

So we wouldn't get it wrong

All we did was bend the string like...

Hey!

Down in Joe's Garage

We didn't have no dope or LSD

But a coupla quartsa beer

Would fix it so the intonation

Would not offend yer ear

And the same old chords goin' over 'n' over

Became a symphony

We would play it again 'n' again 'n' again

'Cause it sounded good to me

ONE MORE TIME!

We could jam in Joe's Garage

His mama was screamin',

"TURN IT DOWN!"

We was playing' the same old song

In the afternoon 'n' sometimes we would

Play it all night long

It was all we knew, and easy too

So we wouldn't get it wrong
Even if you played it on a saxophone
We thought we was pretty good
We talked about keepin' the band together
'N' we figured that we should
'Cause about this time we was gettin' the eye
From the girls in the neighborhood
They'd all come over 'n' dance around
like...Twenty teen-age girls dash
in and go STOMP-CLAP,
STOMP-CLAP-CLAP...So we picked out a stupid name
Had some cards printed up for a coupla bucks
'N' we was on our way to fame
Got matching suits 'N' Beatle Boots
'N' a sign on the back of the car
'N' we was ready to work in a GO-GO Bar
ONE TWO THREE FOUR
LET'S SEE IF YOU GOT SOME MORE!
People seemed to like our song
They got up 'n' danced 'n' made a lotta noise
An' it wasn't 'fore very long
A guy from a company we can't name
Said we oughta take his pen
'N' sign on the line for a real good time
But he didn't tell us when
These "good times" would be somethin'
That was really happenin'
So the band broke up
An' it looks like

We will never play again...Guess you only get one chance in life
To play a song that goes like...
screams out the window...Turn it down!
Turn it DOWN!

I have children sleeping here...
Don't you boys know any nice songs? Well the years was rollin' by, yeah
Heavy Metal 'n' Glitter Rock
Had caught the public eye, yeah
Snotty boys with lipstick on
Was really flyin' high, yeah
'N' then they got that Disco thing
'N' New Wave came along
'N' all of a sudden I thought the time
Had come for that old song
We used to play in "Joe's Garage"
And if I am not wrong
You will soon be dancin' to...The WHITE ZONE is
for loading and
unloading only. If you
gotta load or unload,
go to the WHITE

ZONE. You'll love it...Well the years was rollin' by (etc.)...I'm calling THE POLICE!

I did it! They'll be here... shortly!
This is the Police...I'm not joking around anymore
We have the garage surrounded
If you give yourself up
We will not harm you
Or hurt you neither
You'll see them
This is the Police
There they are, they're coming!
Give yourself up
We will not harm you
Listen to that mess, would you?
This is the Police
Give yourself up
We have the garage surrounded
Everday this goes on around here!
We will not harm you, or maim you
(SWAT Team 4, move in!)
He used cut my grass...
He was very nice boy...
That's DISGUSTING!
This is the CENTRAL SCRUTINIZER...
That was Joe's first confrontation with The Law.
Naturally, we were easy on him.
One of our friendly counselors gave him
A do-nut... and told him to
Stick closer to church-oriented social activities.

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