WHEN GUITARS WERE KING
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I played guitar in my lone disheveled room
I struggled some learnin' this 'tuff' Duane Eddy tune
Buddy Holly ruled the airwaves
Though Elvis was The King
Eddie Cochran stormed the house stage
Some girl screamed 'Eddie let me be your plaything'
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Pop songs went soft and so I just got all depressed
George Harrison changed it all when he cradled that burgundy Gretsch
Clapton used a Crybaby Wha Wha
Keith Richards did his open tunin' thing
Hendrix' rocked the halls of Valhalla
Page held the record for riffs on an E string
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Instrumental:

Once again it's all gone wrong, this funk's a stranglehold
We gotta dig through this pitch black hole, to strike a mother lode of untapped
gold, but there's a light at the end of this tunnel, that means there's still hope
of findin' our lost rock 'n' roll soul

Saw a Morse code fret board maestro wailin'
I thought I'd seen everything
Someone said hey that's Eddie Van Halen
Now that kid's axe could talk and sing
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Robert Johnson, John Lee Hooker, Lightnin' Hopkins, Les Paul, Scotty Moore, Danny Cedrone,
Cliff Gallup, James Burton, Link Wray, Speedy West, Merle Travis, Chet Atkins, Joe Maphis,
BB King, Mickey "Guitar" Baker, Roy Buchanan, Chuck Berry, Carl Perkins, Bo Didley, Buddy
Holly, Duane Eddy, Nokie Edwards, Dick Dale, Curtis Mayfield, Steve Cropper, Lonnie Mack,
George Harrison, Keith Richards, Jimi Hendrix, Jimmy Page, Eric Clapton, Peter Townsend, Ed-
die Van Halen, Mark Knophler, Dave Gilmore, John Fogerty, Jeff Beck, Randy Rhodes, Duane
Allman, Carlos Santana, Leslie West, Stevie Ray Vaughn, yeh the list just goes on and on