

The Pretender chords  
Jackson Browne

G C 2x

I'm gonna rent myself a house in the shade of the freeway  
Gonna pack my lunch in the morning, and go to work each day  
And when the evening rolls around,  
I'll go on home and lay my body down  
And when the morning light comes streaming in  
I'll get up and do it again Amen  
Say it again Amen

I want to know what became of the changes,  
We waited for love to bring  
Were they only the fitful dreams  
Of some greater awakening  
I've been aware of the time going by  
They say in the end it's the wink of an eye  
And when the morning light comes streaming in  
I'll get up and do it again Amen  
Say it again Amen

Caught between the longing for love  
And the struggle for the legal tender  
Where the sirens sing and the church bells ring  
And the junkman pounds his fender  
Where the veterans dream of the fight,  
Fast asleep at the traffic light  
And the children solemnly wait for the ice cream vendor  
Out into the cool of the evening, strolls the pretender  
He knows that all his hopes and dreams  
Begin and end there

G C G C

Ah the lovers as they run through the night  
Leaving nothing but to choose off and fight

D G C  
And tear at the world with all their might  
G Em  
While the ships bearing their dreams  
G D  
Sail out of sight

D G  
I'm gonna find myself a girl,  
C  
Who can show me what laughter means  
G  
Then we'll fill in the missing colors in each others  
D C  
Paint by number dreams  
G C  
And then we'll put our dark glasses on  
G C  
And we'll make love until our strength is gone  
G D  
And when the morning light comes streaming in  
C G Am G  
we'll get up and do it again Amen  
C G Am G  
get it up again Amen

G D C Em B7  
I'm gonna be a happy idiot, and struggle for the legal tender  
C  
Where the ads take aim, and lay their claim  
Em G  
To the heart and the soul of the spender  
C G  
And believe in whatever may lie  
B7 Em  
In those things that money can buy  
A7 D  
Though true love could have been a contender

Em D C D Em  
Are you there, say a prayer for the pretender  
C D G  
Who started out so young and strong only to surrender

G C Csus4  
Say a prayer for the pretender  
G C Csus4  
Are you there for the pretender  
G C Csus4  
Are you prepared for the pretender  
G C Csus4  
Are you there for the pretender

(Csus4 = C chord + high E 3rd fret)