

Goon Squad

Words & Music:
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Intro riff: *[guitar melody - single notes over Em: E(low) E(high) D B E(low) C B G]*

Em D Em
Mother, Father, I'm here in the zoo
D Em D Em
I can't come home 'cause I've grown up too soon
Em D Em
I got my sentence I got my command
 D Em A
They said they'd make me major if I met all their demands
G D/F# A
I could be a corp'ral into corp'ral punishment
G D/F# A
Or the gen'ral manager of a large establishment
 G D/F# A
They pat some good boys on the back and put some to the rod
 A
But I never thought they'd put me in the

CHORUS:

Em D Em C G/B D G
Goon squad----. They've come to look you over and they're giving you the eye.

Em D Em C G/B D G
Goon squad----. They want you to come out to play You'd better say goodbye

INTRO RIFF:

Some grow up just like their dads And some grow up too tall
Some go drinking with the lads Some don't grow up at all
And you must find the proper place For everything you see
But you'll never get to make a lampshade out of me
I could join a chain of males or be the missing (a) link
Looking for a lucky girl to put me in the pink
They pat some good boys on the back and put some to the rod
But I never thought they'd put me in the

CHORUS:

INTRO

Mother, Father, I'm doing so well,
I'm making such progress now that you can hardly tell
I fit in a little dedication With one eye on the clock
They caught you under medication You could be in for a shock
Thinking up the alibis that ev'ryone's forgotten
Just another mummy's boy gone to rotten
They pat some good boys on the back and put some to the rod
But I never thought they'd put me in the

CHORUS: & OUTRO: *[Intro riff repeated & out]*