

Sweet Jane

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This transcription is by John Gateley & Harlan Thompson. There is a nice arrangement of this in the July 2009 issue of Acoustic Guitar.

Here's how to play the chords:

1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &
D D A G G B A D

D A G Bm A D A G Bm A [etc.]

Standing on the corner, suitcase in my hand
Jack is in his coat, and Jane is her vest, and me
I'm in a rock 'n' roll band. Hah!
Ridin' in a Stutz-Bearcat, Jim, y'know, those were different times!
Oh, all the poets they studied rules of verse.
And the ladies, they rolled their eyes.
Sweet Jane! Whoa! Sweet Jane, oh-oh-a! Sweet Jane!

I'll tell you something; Jack, he is a banker & Jane, she is a clerk.
Both of them save their monies & when, when they come home from work
Sittin' down by the fire, oh, the radio does play.
The classical music there, Jim, "The March of the Wooden Soldiers".
All you protest kids, you can hear Jack say, get ready, ah:
"Sweet Jane! Come on baby! Sweet Jane! Oh-oh-a! Sweet Jane!"

Some people, they like to go out dancing
And other peoples, they have to work, Just watch me now!
And there's even some evil mothers
Well, they're gonna tell you that everything is just dirt.
Y'know that women never really faint
And that villains always blink their eyes.
And that, y'know, children are the only ones who blush!
And that, life is just to die!
And, everyone who ever had a heart
They wouldn't turn around and break it
And anyone who ever played a part
Oh, wouldn't turn around and hate it!

Sweet Jane! Whoa-oh-oh! Sweet Jane! Sweet Jane!

D G D
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