Paul McCartney, EARLY DAYS

They can't take it from me if they try
I lived through those early days
So many times I had to change the pain to laughter
Just to keep from getting crazed

Dressed in black from head to toe Two guitars across our backs We would walk the city roads Seeking someone who would listen to the music That we were writing down at home

But they can't take it from me if they try I lived through those early days So many times I had to change the pain to laughter Just to keep from getting crazy

Hair slicked back with vaseline Like the pictures on the wall Of the local record shop Hearing noises we were destined to remember We willed the thrill to never stop

May sweet memories of friends from the past Always come to you, when you look for them And your inspiration, long may it last May it come to you, time and time again

Now everybody seems to have their own opinion Who did this and who did that But as for me I don't see how they can remember When they weren't where it was at

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