

The Eton Rifles (by The Jam) { 1979 }

Intro : [Am] [Am] [Am] [Am] [Am] [Am] [Am] [Am] [Am] [Am] [F] [G]

[C] Sup up your beer and col-[D]-lect your fags,
There's a [C] row going on [D] down near Slough,
[C] Get out your mat and [D] pray to the West,
[C] I'll get out mine and [D] pray for myself [F] [G]

[C] Thought you were smart when you [D] took them on,
But you [C] didn't take a peep in their ar-[D]-tillery room,
[C] All that rugby puts [D] hairs on your chest,
What [C] chance have you got against a [D] tie and a crest? [F] [G]

[F] Hello, hur-[G]-ray, [C] what a [G] nice [Am] day,
For the [Am] Eton Rifles, Eton Rifles
[F] Hello, hur-[G]-ray, I hope [C] rain [G] stops [Am] play,
With the [Am] Eton Rifles, Eton Rifles [Am] [Am]

[C] Thought you were clever when you [D] lit the fuse,
Tore [C] down the House of Commons in your [D] brand new shoes,
Com-[C]-posed a revolutionary [D] symphony,
Then [C] went to bed with a [D] charming young thing [F] [G]

[F] Hello, hur-[G]-ray, [C] cheers [G] then [Am] mate,
It's the [Am] Eton Rifles, Eton Rifles,
[F] Hello, hur-[G]-ray, an ex-[C]-trem-[G]-ist [Am] scrape
With the [Am] Eton Rifles, Eton Rifles [Am] [Am]

[Em] What a catalyst [F] you turned out to be,
[Em] Loaded the guns then you [F] ran off home for your [G] tea,
<G> Left me standing, like a <G> guilty schoolboy <G> <G> <G><G><G><G>

[C] [D] [C] [D] <C> <D> <C> <D> [Am] [Am] [Am] [Am]

[Em] What a catalyst [F] you turned out to be,
[Em] Loaded the guns then you [F] ran off home for your [G] tea,
<G> Left me standing, like a <G> naughty schoolboy <G> <G> <G><G><G><G>

[C] We came out of it [D] naturally the worst,
[C] Beaten and bloody and I was [D] sick down my shirt,
[C] We were no match for their [D] untamed wit,
Though [C] some of the lads said they'll be [D] back next week [F] [G]

[F] Hello, hur-[G]-ray, there's a [C] price [G] to [Am] pay
To the [Am] Eton Rifles, Eton Rifles
[F] Hello, hur-[G]-ray, I'd pre-[C]-fer [G] the [Am] plague
To the [Am] Eton Rifles, Eton Rifles
[F] Hello, hur-[G]-ray, there's a [C] price [G] to [Am] pay
To the [Am] Eton Rifles, Eton Rifles
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To the [Am] Eton Rifles, Eton Rifles, Eton Rifles, Eton Rifles <Am><Am>

