

# Talking Seattle Grunge Rock Blues

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[Chorus]

Hey-hey, my-my  
Rock and Roll will never die  
Hang your hair down in your eyes  
Make a million dollars

[Verse 1]

Well I was in this band goin' nowhere fast  
We sent out our demo but everybody passed  
So one day we finally took the plunge  
We went out to Seattle and we started playin' grunge  
Washington State, that is  
Space Needle  
Eddie Vedder  
Ichiro Suzuki

[Verse 2]

Now to fit in fast we got flannel shirts  
And we turn our amps up until it hurts  
We got bad attitudes, and what's more  
When we play we stare straight down at the floor, oooh  
I ain't seen nothin' like that on television in, like, an hour

[Verse 3]

Now to fit in on the Seattle scene  
You had to show people somethin' that they'd never seen  
So thinkin' up a gimmick one day  
We decided to be the only band that wouldn't play a note  
Under any circumstance  
We called it Silence  
Music's original alternative  
Roots grunge

[Verse 4]

Well we spread the word through the underground  
That we were the hottest new young band in town  
The record guy come out to see us one day  
And just like always we refused to play  
It knocked him out  
He said he loved our work

He said he loved our work but he wasn't sure he could sell a record that didn't have any music  
on it

I said "Man you've been doing that all year"

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[Verse 5]

Well they made us do a video but that wasn't tough  
We just filmed ourselves smashin' stuff  
It was kinda weird 'cause there was no music  
But MTV said that they would love to use it  
The kids went wild, the kids went nuts  
Rolling Stone gave us five stars, said we played with guts  
We were meetin' chicks, takin' drugs  
They asked us to do MTV Unplugged  
You should've seen it  
We went right out there and refused to do acoustical versions of the electrical songs we refused  
to record in the first place  
Then we smashed our shit

[Verse 6]

Well we blew 'em away at the Grammy's show  
By refusing to play and refusing to go  
Then just when it looked like fame would last forever  
Along come this band that wasn't even together  
Now that's alternative  
That's the alternative to alternative  
They're called Guns n' Roses

[Chorus]

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[Verse 7]

Well our band got fired and that's not funny  
'Cause now we're hooked on grass but we're out of money  
So the other day I called up the band  
I said, "Boys I've taken all I can  
"I say we shave off these goatees, pack up the van

"Move up to Boulder, follow the Yonder Mountain String Band"

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