

AT SEVENTEEN (Janis Ian) © 1975

C C9 C Cmaj7 C6 C D7sus4 Dm7 Asus4 Dm7
I learned the truth at seven-teen That love was meant for beauty queens
G9

And high school girls with clear skinned smiles
C9 C Cmaj7 C6
Who married young and then re-tired

C C9 C Cmaj7 C6 C

C C9 C Cmaj7 C6 C D7sus4 Dm7 A4 Dm7
The Valen-tines I never knew The friday nights cha-rades of youth
G9

Were spent on one more beautiful
C9 C Cmaj7 C6 C
At seven-teen I learned the truth

C9 C Cmaj7 C6 C

---[Chorus]-----

C Eb Dm7 G7
And those of us with ravaged faces Lacking in the social graces
Cm7 Fm7 Cm7 Fm7
Desperatly re-mained at home in-venting lovers on the phone
AbMaj7 G7 Cm7 Fm7
Who called and say Come dance with me And murmured vague ob-scenities
Dm7 G9
It isn't all it seems at seventeen

---[VERSE]-----

C C9 C Cmaj7 C6 C D7sus4 Dm7 A4 Dm7
A brown eyed girl in hand-me-downs Who's name I never could pro-nounce
G9 C9 C Cmaj7 C6 C
Said pity please the ones who serve They only get what they de-serve
C C9 C Cmaj7 C6 C D7sus4 Dm7 A4 Dm7
And the rich re-lationed home-town queen Marries into what she needs
G9 C9 C Cmaj7 C6 C
A guarantee of company And haven for the elderly

C9 C Cmaj7 C6 C

---[Chorus]-----

C Eb Dm7 G7
Re-mem-ber those who win the game Lose the love they sought to gain
Cm7 Fm7 Cm7 Fm7
In debentures of quality And dubious in-tegrity
Abmaj7 G7
Their small town eyes will gape at you
Cm7 Fm7 Dm7 G9
In dull surprise when payment due Exceeds accounts received at seventeen

solo - this'll take some work would we want to do it anyway?

---[VERSE]-----

C C9 C Cmaj7 C6 C D7sus4 Dm7 A4 Dm7
To those of us who knew the pain Of valen - tines that never came
G9

And those whose name were never called
C9 C Cmaj7 C6 C
When choosing side at basket-ball

C9 C Cmaj7 C6 C

---[VERSE]-----

C C9 C Cmaj7 C6 C D7sus4 Dm7 A4 Dm7
It was long a-go and far a-way The world was younger than to-day
G9 C9 C Cmaj7 C6 C

And dreams were all they gave for free To ugly duckling girls like me
C9 C Cmaj7 C6 C C9 C Cmaj7 C6 C
To ugly duckling girls like me

---[Chorus]-----

C Eb6
We all play the game and when we dare
Dm7 G7
To cheat ourselves at solitaire
Cm7 Fm7
In-venting lovers on the phone
Cm7 Fm7
Re-penting other lives unknown

Abmaj7 G7
That call and say "Come dance with me"
Cm7 Fm7
And murmur vague ob-scenities
Dm7 G9
At ugly girls like me at seventeen

C9 C Cmaj7 C6 C Cmaj7 REPEAT