# Signs

Les Emmerson 1970 – as recorded by Five Man Electrical Band, an Ottawa band



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And the **[Am]** sign said **[G]** “Long-haired freaky people **[D]** need not ap-**[G]**ply”

So **[D]** I tucked my hair up **[A]** under my hat, and I **[G]** went in to ask him **[A]** why

**[Bm]** He said “You look like a fine, upstandin’ young **[G]** man, I think you’ll do”

So I **[D]** took off my hat, I said “I-**[A]**magine that

Huh! **[G]** Me workin’ for **[A]** you”, whoa-oh-oh

**CHORUS:**

**[D]↓** Sign **[D]↓** sign **[C]** everywhere a **[G]** sign

**[D]** Blockin’ out the scenery **[G]** breakin’ my mind

**[D]** Do this, don’t do **[A]** that, can’t you read the **[C]** sign? **[C]**

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And the **[C]** sign said anybody **[G]** caught trespassin’ **[D]** would be shot on **[G]** sight

So I **[D]** jumped on the fence and I **[A]** yelled at the house, “Hey!

**[G]** What gives you the **[A]** right?

To **[Bm]** put up a fence to keep me out, or to **[G]** keep mother nature in

If **[D]** God was here, he’d **[A]** tell you to your face

**[G]** Man, you’re some kind of **[A]** sinner”

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**[D] / [D]**

**BRIDGE:**

Now **[A]** hey you mister, can’t you read?

You **[G]** got to have a shirt and **[D]** tie to get a seat

You **[D]** can’t even watch, no **[A]** you can’t eat

**[G]** You ain’t supposed to **[D]↓** be **↓** here **[Dsus4]↓[D]** **↓/[Dsus4]↓[D]** **↓/[D]↓ ↓**

The **[C]↓** sign said you **[G]↓** got to have a membership **[D]↓** card to get in-**[G]↓**side, ugh

**INSTRUMENTAL CHORUS:**

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And the **[C]** sign said **[G]** “Everybody welcome, come **[D]** in, kneel down and **[G]** pray”

But then they **[D]** passed around the plate, at the **[A]** end of it all

I **[G]** didn’t have a penny to **[A]** pay

So I **[Bm]** got me a pen and paper, and I **[G]** made up my own little sign

I said **[D]** “Thank you, Lord, for **[A]** thinkin’ ‘bout me

I’m a-**[G]**live and doin’ **[A]** fine, wooo!

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