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Eric and the Informers

Last night I was watchin' a rock video, restin' up my brains
When on to the screen came this blonde bimbo,
Dressed in leathers and chains
She had deadpan eyes in a dead-white face, I think she was faintly famous
Though she looked like she'd come from outer space,
Like Mars or maybe Uranus
But as she sang the tears came to my eyes,
For she sang a song I vaguely recognised
And the years rolled back, back to where it all began
Back to when I used to sing with a rock and roll band

Chorus:

Brian played the Telecaster, Colin played the Strat
Bobby played electric bass, and I sang loud and flat
Brian Brockie played the drums, Max was sound control
We called ourselves "The Informers", and we played rock and roll!

We drove ourselves round in a kombi van, a rusty German coffin
We cursed Adolf Hitler every time it broke down,
Which was everywhere and often
With the windscreen wipers on the heater wouldn't go,
It smelled like a cow decomposin'
And we always seemed to travel in ice and snow,
If it wasn't for the groupies we'd have frozen
One day it died when tryin' to take a hill,
We left it there and it's probably there still
But boy did we have some good times in that van
Travellin' round the country playin' in a rock and roll band

Now we never made much on the merry-go-round,
And we lost most of it on the swings
The biggest payin' gig we had was fifty pounds – eat your heart out Sting!
But like rock and roll itself we were young and brash,
In love with the noise that we were makin'
Though we never hit it big and never got to be a smash
We had a lot of fun while we were waitin'
And if it seems like long ago then that's because
It was, you dinosaur, it was!