

The End of the Innocence

Don Henley / Key: Ab (Capo 1, Play G) 4/4 T=118

G G C C
I remember when the days were long, and rolled beneath a deep blue sky,

G G C D
Didn't have a care in the world, with mommy and daddy standing by,

G G C C
But happily ever after fails, and we've been poisoned by these fairy tales,

G G Em- C- D
The lawyers dwell on small details, since daddy had to fly

Em- Bm- Am7 Em- Cmaj7- D-
Ah, but I know a place where we can go, that's still untouched by man,

Em- Bm- Am7 Em- Cmaj7- D
We'll sit and watch the clouds go by, and the tall grass wave in the wind,

G- D- C Em- Bm- Am7-
You can lay your head back on the ground, and let your hair fall all around me,

G- D- C Em- Bm- Am7
Offer up your best defense, but this is the end,

Cmaj7 D G (intro)
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Oh beautiful for spacious skies, but now those skies are threatening,
They're beating plowshares into swords, for this tired old man that we elected king,
Armchair warriors often fail, and we've been poisoned by these fairytales,
The lawyers clean up all details, since daddy had to lie

Ah, but I know a place where we can go, that's still untouched by man,
We'll sit and watch the clouds go by, and the tall grass wave in the wind,
You can lay your head back on the ground, and let your hair fall all around me,
Offer up your best defense, but this is the end,
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Who knows how long this will last, or how we've come so far so fast,
But somewhere back there in the dust, that same small town in each of us,
I need to remember this, so baby give me just one kiss,
And let me take a long last look, before we say goodbye

Just lay your head back on the ground, and let your hair fall all around me
Offer up your best defense, but this is the end,
This is the end, of the innocence