

**LIVING OFF THE INTEREST
OF THE DUES I'VE PAID**

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Diamonds on the sea music BMI

Em

Lordly look at me Standing straight and tall
Mine's just one of a handful of names that hasn't been called

A

And now the kids come around just to watch me play

Em

And ask me to tell stories about those bygone days

B7

I bet those cats I played with are turning in their graves

Em

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[G]

Em

To see I'm living off the interest of the dues I paid

Em

A

[G]

Em

Living off the interest of the dues I paid

I've been to jail I've been to Hell and back again
Learned everything you can learn from living in a bottle of gin
I've sat down at the table with Saints
I let the Devil walk through my door
Everyday and every night I was paying more and more
Trying to live a whole lifetime before I got to middle age
Now I'm living off the interest of the dues I paid
Living off the interest of the dues I paid

jam

You know the I Ching says and I know it's true
You can't sell or give or throw away what really belongs to you
Why else would we drive two hundred miles to blow that room away
Now it's three am on the wrong side of town
And we sill haven't gotten payed
I know those cats I played with wouldn't trade a day
To see me living off the interest of the dues I paid
Living off the interest of the dues I paid
Living off the interest of the dues I paid