

Verse:

[A E] [D E]
 Suckin' on chili dog outside the Tasty Freeze
 [A E] [D E A]
 Diane sittin' on Jacky's lap, he got his hands between her knees
 [A E] [D E]
 Jacky says "Hey Diane, lets run off behind a shady tree"
 [A E] [D E A]
 Dribble off Bobby Brooks, let me do what I please, sayin'

Chorus Riff:

A E * D E * A E D E

e	-5-	7---	4-5-4---		-2-	2-4-	5-4-x-x-		-5-	7-4-	4-4-4-		-2-	2-4-	4-4-x-x-	
B	-5-	5---	5-5-5---		-3-	3-5-	5-5-x-x-		-5-	5-5-	5-5-5-		-3-	3-5-	5-5-x-x-	
G	-6-	6---	4-4-4---		-2-	2-4-	4-4-x-x-		-6-	6-4-	4-4-4-		-2-	2-4-	4-4-x-x-	
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A E D E * A E D E A

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B	-5-	5---	5-5-5---		-3-	3-5-	5-5-x-x-		-5-	5-5-	5-5-5-		-3-	5-5-	5-5-x-x-	
G	-6-	6---	4-4-4---		-2-	2-4-	4-4-x-x-		-6-	6-4-	4-4-4-		-2-	4-6-	6-6-x-x-	
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Chorus:

[A E] [D E]
 Ooh yeah, Life goes on
 [A E] [D E]
 Long after the thrill of livin' is gone, sayin'
 [A E] [D E]
 Ooh yeah, Life goes on
 [A E] [D E A]
 Long after the thrill of livin' is gone

Intro Riff (2 times)

Verse:

[A E] [D E]
 Jack, he sits back, collects his thoughts for a moment
 [A E] [D E A]
 Scratches his head and does his best James Dean
 [A E] [D E]
 "Well there Diane, we gotta run off to the city"
 [A E] [D E A]
 Diane says, "Baby we ain't nothing", but Jacky says

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[A E] [D E]
Ooh yeah, Life goes on
[A E] [D E A]
Long after the thrill of livin' is gone

Drum Solo:

Oh, let it rock, let it roll.
Let the Bible belt come and save my soul
Holdin' on to sixteen as long as you can
Change is comin' 'round real soon, make us women and men

Power Chord Riff

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[A E] [D E A]
Long after the thrill of livin' is gone

Verse:

[A E] [D E]
A little ditty bout Jack and Diane
[A E] [D E A]
Two American kids doin' the best they can

Intro Riff (fade out)

According to Mellencamp, "Jack & Diane" was based on the 1962 Tennessee Williams film Sweet Bird of Youth. He said of recording the song: "'Jack & Diane' was a terrible record to make. When I play it on guitar by myself, it sounds great; but I could never get the band to play along with me. That's why the arrangement's so weird. Stopping and starting, it's not very musical." Mellencamp has also stated that the clapping wasn't supposed to be included in the finished song. It was recorded with the clapping in order to help keep tempo and then it was to be removed. However, he realized the song did not work without it.

Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia -
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jack_%26_Diane