

WHEN WE JUST ARRIVED

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Summer's dawn climbs, money we'll make,
walk to the beach, from forty-eighth,

Selling warm pizza pies, washing dishes for beer,
we're the penniless rich, life is top tier,

The ocean's ours, as is the dance floor,
best nights forgotten, and morning's remorse,

Boardwalk trades, help each survive,
watch the day fade, when we just arrived

Summer's dusk falls, money we'll take,
walk to the hub, campus awaits,

Selling warm pizza pies, washing dishes for beer,
we're the penniless rich, life is top tier,

The time is ours, as is the dance floor,
class rooms forgotten, and morning's remorse,

Graduation dates, help each survive,
watch college fade, when we just arrived.

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