

# Johnny Can't Read

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Football, baseball, basketball games  
Drinkin' bear, kickin' ass and takin' down names  
(Well-a) top down, get-a-round, shootin' the line  
Summer is here and Johnny's feelin' fine

But Johnny can't read  
Summer is over and he's gone to seed  
Johnny can't read  
He never learned nothin' that he'll ever need

Well, Johnny can dance and Johnny can love  
Johnny can push and Johnny can shove  
Johnny can hang out; Johnny can talk tough  
Johnny can get down and Johnny can throw up?

But Johnny can't read  
Summer is over and he's gone to seed  
(You know that), Johnny can't read  
He never learned nothin' that he'll ever need?  
Well, is it Teacher's fault? Oh No!  
Couple year's later, Johnny's on the run  
Johnny got confused and he bought himself a gun  
Well, he went and did something that he shouldn't  
Oughta done  
F.B.I. on his tail  
"Use A Gun-Go To Jail"  
But Johnny can't read  
Summer is over and he's gone to seed  
(You know that), Johnny can't read  
He never learned nothin' that he'll ever need?  
Well is it Teacher's fault? (Oh No)  
Is it Mommy's fault? (Oh No)  
Is it the President's fault? (Oh No)  
Well is it Johnny's fault? Oh No!

Johnny can dance and Johnny can love  
Johnny can push and Johnny can shove  
Johnny can pinball; Johnny can talk tough  
Johnny can get down and Johnny can throw up

Well, recess is over  
Recess is over!

Sitcoms, "T.&A."  
Johnny's mind is blown away  
Cop shows, horror flicks  
Johnny's brain is full of it  
Talk show, radio, boob tube,  
Movies, school,