

BASEBALL

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[INSTRUMENTAL—16 MEASURES]

1. When the Detroit Tigers landed another grand slam home run to win,
for a moment the frenzied crowd forgot what century and universe they were in.
Many off-field players won and lost some a million bucks and others a mere fin.
But they all played to win, they paid to win, they all played to win, they all paid to win!
2. When the season ended life was suspended and spent mostly in review.
Ragged gardens left untended and clothes unended just to name just a few.
Nameless faces no longer filling places in grandstands replacing, for some, the Sunday pew.
And when baseball season would come around again no one ever questioned what these folks would do.

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- BRIDGE: Like an ancient-land palladium still stands our still-grand stadium.
Though the city crumbles 'round her, different now than how we found her;
but still standing through it all beloved themes and dreams of baseball.
3. Mickey Mantle, Joe Di Maggio, Yogi Berra and every other famous name
all became immortal heroes, to all those, devotees who pay homage to the game.
Rich and poor ones, infants, old and young sons flock like herds of migrant birds to the stands.
Like the lifeblood of veins, they'll pour in sure as spring rains the loyal, diehard and dedicated fans.
 4. It's the season of sensation supercharged with inspiration to some nearly numb with the fever.
Through thick and thin, lose or win, coming out or going in the hard-core keeping score won't ever leave her.
From a childhood passion to an adult fashion the addictive roaring of the crowds says it all from cradle to grave, if nothing else, this they'll save the collective American memory of baseball.

[INSTRUMENTAL, TO FADEOUT]

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