



AMERICAN PIE (Don Mclean)

. G D Em
A long, long time ago__
Am C Em D (sus Riff)
I can still remember how that music used to make me smile.
. G D Em Am C
And I knew if I had my chance that I could make those people dance
. Em C D (sus Riff)
and maybe they'd be happy for a while.
Em Am Em Am
But February made me shiver with every paper I'd deliver.
. C G Am C D
Bad news on the doorstep. I couldn't take one more step
. G D Em C D
I can't remember if I cried when I read about his widowed bride,
G D Em Hold C Hold D Hold G Hold
Something touched me deep inside the day_ the music died.____
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Chorus:Downup, down up.

. G C G D G C
. So bye-bye, Miss American Pie. Drove my Chevy to the levee but the
. G D G C G D
. levee was dry, them good ole boys were drinkin' whiskey and Rye, singing
. Em (HOLD) A (Hold) Em D (sus Riff)
. this'll be the day that I die, This'll be the day that I die.__

verse:

G /// Am/// C/// Am///
Did you write the book of love and do you have faith in God above?__
Em/// D7/// D7/// G/ D/ Em///
If the Bible tells you so__ Now do you believe in rock and roll?
. Am /// C /// Em /// am /// D7/// D7 ///
Can music save your mortal soul? and can you teach me how to dance_ real slow?
. Em Hold D Hold Em D
Well I know that you're in love with him 'cause I saw you dancing in the gym,
_ C/ G / am/// C/// D7 ///
You both kicked off your shoes, Man I dig those rhythm and blues!
. G/ D/ Em/// Am /// C///
I was a lonely teenage broncin' buck, with a pink carnation and a pick-up truck.
. G / D / Em /// C /// D7// G/ C/
But I knew I was out of luck the day, the music died.____
G D7
I started singing.... (chorus)

. G Am, C Am
Now for ten years, we've been on our own and moss grows fat on a rolling stone,
Em D G D Em
But that's not how it used to be.Cause when the jester sang for the King &
Queen
. Am C Em A7 D7
in a coat he borrowed from James Dean and a voice that came from you and me__
. Em Hold Am (Hold) Em Am
Oh and while the king was looking down the jester stole his thorny crown
_ C G A7 C D7
the court room was adjourned no verdict was returned.

. G D Em Am C
 And while Lennon read a book on Marx the quartet practiced in the park
 G D Em C D7 G C G
 and we sang dirges in the dark the day__ the music died__
 G D7
 I started singin' (chorus)

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 Go To Chorus:

. G Am, C Am
 Helter skelter in the summer swelter_ the birds flew off with a fallout shelter
 Em D G D Em
 Eight miles high and falling fast__ it landed foul on the grass
 . Am C Em A7 D7
 The players tried for a forward pass with the jester on the sidelines in a cast_
 . Em G Em G
 The half time air was sweet perfume while the sergeants played a marching tune
 _ C G A7 C D7
 we all got up to dance__ but we never got the chance. 'Cause
 . G / D / Em / Am / C///
 the players tried to take the field, but the marching band refused to yield
 .G / D/ Em / C / D G C G
 Do you recall/ what was revealed ____ the day the music died.
 G D7
 I started singin' (chorus)

. G Am, C Am
 And there we were all in one place, A generation lost in space.
 . Em D G D Em
 With no time left, to start again. So come on, Jack be nimble, jack be quick,
 Am C Em A7 D7
 Jack flash sat on a candlestick. 'Cause fire is the devil's only friend.
 . Em D Em D
 And as I watched him on the stage my hands were clenched in fists of rage.
 . C G A7 C D7
 no angel born in hell__ could break that satan's spell
 . G D Em Am C
 And as the flames climbed high into the night to light the sacrificial rite
 G D Em C D7 G C G
 I_ saw Satan laughing with delight, the day the music died.
 G D7
 we were singin' (chorus)

. G D Em
 I met a girl who sang the blues so
 . Am C Em D
 I asked her for some happy news but she just smiled__ and turned away.
 . G D Em Am C
 I went down to the sacred store. Where I heard the music years before.__
 . Em C D
 But the man there said the music wouldn't play.__ And
 Em Am Em Am
 in the streets the children screamed, the lovers cried and the poets dreamed.
 . C G Am C D
 But not a word was spoken.__ The church__ bells_ all_ were_ broken.
 . G D Em Am7 D
 And the three men I admire most: the father, Son and the Holy Ghost__
 . G D Em C D7 G C G
 They caught the last train for the coast the day, the music died.
 G D7 C D7 G C G
 And they were singing:(chorus twice, ending: this'll be the day that I die)