

AMERICAN PIE (Don Mclean)

G Em
A long, long time ago___
Am C Em D
I can still remember how that music used to make me smile___
G Em Am C
And I knew if I had my chance that I could make those people dance
Em C D
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 Am C D
Bad news on the doorstep I couldn't take one more step
G Em Am D
I can't remember if I cried when I read about his widowed bride,
G Em C D G C G
Something touched me deep inside the day_ the music died_____

Chorus:-----

G C G D G C G D
So bye-bye, Miss American Pie Drove my Chevy to the levee but the levee was dry
G C G D
them good ole boys were drinkin' whiskey and Rye, singing
Em Am Em (Dsus) x2
this'll be the day that I die, This'll be the day that I die___

G Am C Am
Did you write the book of love and do you have faith in God above?___
Em D G Em
If the Bible tells you so___ Now do you believe in rock and roll?
Am C Em Am D
Can music save your mortal soul? and can you teach me how to dance_ real slow?
Em Am Em Am
Well I know that you're in love with him 'cause I saw you dancing in the gym,
C Am C D
You both kicked off your shoes, Man I dig those rhythm and blues!
G Em Am C
I was a lonely teenage broncin' buck, with a pink carnation and a pick-up truck
G Em C D G C G
But I knew I was out of luck the day, the music died___
G D
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 Em
But that's not how it used to be _____ Cause when the jester sang for the King & Queen
Am C Em Am D
in a coat he borrowed from James Dean and a voice that came from you and me___
Em Am Em Am
Oh and while the king was looking down the jester stole his thorny crown
C Am C D
the court room was adjourned no verdict was returned
G Em Am C
And while Lennon read a book on Marx the quartet practiced in the park
G Em C D G C G
and we sang dirges in the dark the day___ the music died___

G D
I started singin' (chorus)

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

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

G 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 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_
Em Am Em Am
And in the streets the children screamed, the lovers cried and the poets dreamed
C Am C D
But not a word was spoken_ The church_ bells_ all_ were_ broken
G Em Am D
And the three men I admire most: the father, Son and the Holy Ghost_
G Em C D G C G
They caught the last train for the coast the day, the music died
G D C D G C G
And they were singing:(chorus twice,

ending: this'll be the day that I die)