

**American Pie**  
Don Mclean

**FREELY**

**I G D/F# Em I Am C I Em D I**  
A long long time ago I can still remember how that music used to make me smile  
**I G D/F# Em I Am C I Em C I D I**  
And I knew if I had my chance that I could make those people dance & maybe they'd be happy for a while  
**I Em Am I Em Am I C G/B Am I C D I**  
But February made me shiver with every paper I'd deliver Bad news on the doorstep I couldn't take one more step  
**I G D/F# Em I Am D I G D/F# Em I C D I G I**  
I can't remember if I cried when I read about his widowed bride but something touched me deep inside the day the music died so

**CH I G C I G D I G C I G D I**  
Bye - bye Miss American Pie drove my Chevy to the levee but the levee was dry  
**I G C I G D I Em I A7 I**  
Them good ole boys were drinkin whiskey and Rye singing this'll be the day that I die  
**I Em I D7 I D7 I**  
This'll be the day that I die

**V I G I Am I C I Am I**  
Did you write the book of love and do you have faith in God above  
**I Em I D I D I**  
If the Bible tells you so  
**I G D/F# I Em I Am I C I**  
Now do you believe in rock and roll can music save your mortal soul and  
**I Em I A7 I D I D I**  
Can you teach me how to dance real slow  
**I Em I D I Em I D I**  
Well I know that you're in love with him 'cause I saw you dancing in the gym  
**I C G/B I Am I C I D7 I**  
You both kicked off your shoes man I dig those rhythm and blues  
**I G D/F# I Em I Am I C I**  
I was a lonely teenage broncin' buck with a pink carnation and a pick-up truck  
**I G D/F# I Em I C I D7 I**  
But I knew I was out of luck the day the music died  
**I G C I G D7 I**  
I started singing

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**V I G I Am I C I Am I**  
Now for ten years we've been on our own and moss grows fat on a rolling stone  
**I Em I D I D I**  
But that's not how it used to be When the  
**I G D/F# I Em I Am I C I**  
Jester sang for the King & Queen in a coat he borrowed from James Dean and a  
**I Em I A7 I D I D I**  
Voice that came from you and me  
**I Em I D I Em I D I**  
Oh and while the king was looking down the jester stole his thorny crown  
**I C G/B I Am I C I D7 I**  
The court room was adjourned no verdict was returned  
**I G D/F# I Em I Am I C I**  
And while Lennon read a book on Marx the quartet practiced in the park  
**I G D/F# I Em I C I D7 I**  
And we sang dirges in the dark the day the music died  
**I G C I G D7 I**  
We were singing

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