

# American Pie

Music by Don McLean

Intro C G/B Am Dm F Am  
Slow and freely, vocal and piano

a long, long time a-go I can still re-mem-ber how that mu-sic used to

G C G/B Am

make me smile And I knew that if I had my chance

Dm Am F

I could make those peop - le dance and may - be, they'd be hap - py for a

G G Riff A tempo

while

C Verse Dm F

Did you\_ write the book of love?\_ And do you\_\_ have faith in  
I met a girl who sang the blues\_ And I asked - her for some

Dm Am G Gsus G (Vibraphone)

God a - bove\_\_ if the Bi - ble tells\_\_ you so Now do you  
hap - py news\_\_ But she just smiled and turned\_ a - way I went down

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C G/B Am Dm F/C

- be-lieve\_ in rock and roll\_ and can mu - sic save your mor - tal soul?\_ And  
- to\_ the sac - red store\_ Where I heard the mu - sic years be - fore\_ But the

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Am F G

can you teach\_ me how to dance\_ real slow\_\_\_\_\_ Well, I\_  
man ther said\_ the mu - sic wouldn't\_ play\_ And in the

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Am G Am G

know that you're in love with him\_'cause I\_ saw you danc - ing in the gym\_ You  
streets the chil - dren scream - ed\_ the lo - vers cried and\_ the po - ets dreamed\_ But

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F C/E Dm F G

both kicked off your shoes\_ Man, I dig those rhy - thm and blues I was a  
not a word was spo - ken The church bells were\_ all broken And the

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C G/B Am Dm F

lone - ly teen - age bronc - in' buck\_ with a pink car - na-tion and a pick-up truck\_ but I  
three men I\_ ad - mired the most\_ the fa - ther son\_ and\_ Ho - ly Ghost\_ They

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C G/B Am F G

knew that I was out\_ of luck\_ the day the mu - sic  
caught the last train for\_ the coast\_ The day the mu - sic

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died I start - ed sing - in' Bye, bye, Miss A - me - ri - can Pie\_ Drove my  
 died And they were sing - in'\_

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Che-vy to the lev-ee but the lev-ee was dry\_ Them good ol' boys\_were drink-in' whis-key and rye\_ sing-in'

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"This-'ll be the day that I die This-'ll be the day that I die

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die

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