

# American Pie

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**G D Emi**

1. A long, long time ago,

**Am C Em D**

I can still remember how that music used to make me smile

**G D Em**

And I knew if I had my chance,

**Am C Em C D**

That I could make those people dance 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 Am7 D**

I can't remember if I cried when I read about his widowed bride

**G D Em**

Something touched me deep inside

**C D7 G C G**

The day the music died

**G C G D**

R: So bye, bye Miss American Pie

**G C G D**

Drove my Chevy to the levy but the levy was dry

**G C G D**

And them good old boys were drinkin' whiskey and rye

**Em A7 Em D7**

Singin' this will be the day that I die, this will be the day that I die

**G Am**

2. Did you write the book of love

**C Am Em D**

And do you have faith in God above, if the bible tells you so?

**G D Em**

Do you believe in rock and roll

**Am7 C Em A7 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 'cuz I saw you dancin' 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 broncokin' buck with a pink carnation and a pickup truck

**G D Em C D7 G C G D**

But I knew I was out of luck the day the music died, I started singin'

**G C G D**

R: So bye, bye Miss American Pie...

**G Am**

3. Now for ten years we've been on our own

**C Am Em D**

and moss grows fat on a rolling stone but that's not how it used to be

**G D Em**

When the jester sang for the king and queen

**Am7**

**C**

**Em**

**A7**

**D**

in a coat he borrowed from James Dean in a voice that came from you and me

**Em\***

**D\***

**Em\***

**D\***

Oh, and while the king was looking down, the jester stole his thorny crown

**C**

**G**

**A7**

**C**

**D7**

The courtroom was adjourned, no verdict was returned

**G**

**D**

**Em**

**Am**

**C**

And while Lennin read a book on Marx, the quartet practiced in the park

**G**

**D**

**Em**

**C**

**D7**

**G**

**C**

**G**

**D**

And we sang dirges in the dark the day the music died, we were singin'

**G**

**C**

**G**

**D**

R: So bye, bye Miss American Pie...

**G**

**Am**

5. And there we were all in one place

**C**

**Am**

**Em**

**D**

a generation lost in space, with no time left to start again

**G**

**D**

**Em**

**Am7**

**C**

So come on Jack be nimble, Jack be quick, Jack Flash sat on a candlestick

**Em**

**A7**

**D**

'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**

**C**

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**

**D**

I saw Satan laughing with delight the day the music died, he was singin'

**G**

**C**

**G**

**D**

R: So bye, bye Miss American Pie

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**C**

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**D**

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**C**

**G**

**D**

And them good old boys were drinkin' whiskey and rye

**Em**

**A7 Em**

**D7**

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