

**don mclean - American Pie.easy**

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I think this song has been posted before, but not with chords with every verse, which I for one needed to be able to play it. It's a really long song, but can fit on two pages if you cut some extras.

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 . AMERICAN PIE (Don Mclean) (SIMPed by Sennet)

. G D Em  
 A long, long time ago\_\_  
 Am C Em D  
 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  
 and maybe they'd by 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 C D7 G C G  
 Something touched me deep inside the day\_ the music died.\_\_\_\_\_

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 Chorus:

. G C G D G C  
 . So bye-bye, Miss American Pie.Drove my Chevy to the levee but the  
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 . G D G C G D  
 . levee was dry, them good ole boys were drinkin' whiskey and  
 Rye, singing  
 . Em A7 Em D7  
 . 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 D G D Em  
 If the Bible tells you so\_\_ Now do you believe in rock and roll?  
 . Am C Em A7

D7  
 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 G A7 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 G  
 But I knew I was out of luck the day, the music died.\_\_\_\_  
 G D7  
 I started singing.... (chorus)  
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 . 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 Am 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)

Chord fingering chart:

.	E A D G B E		E A D G B E		E A D G B E
A	0 0 2 2 2 0	Am7	0 0 2 0 1 0	D7	x x 0 2 1 2
Am	0 0 2 2 1 0	C	x 3 2 0 1 0	Em	0 2 2 0 0 0
A7	0 0 2 0 2 0	D	x x 0 2 3 2	G	3 2 0 0 0 3

Chorus:

. 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 A7 Em D7  
 . this'll be the day that I die, This'll be the day that I

die.\_\_\_\_

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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 Am Em Am  
The half time air was sweet perfume while the seargeants 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 D7 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 Am Em Am  
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)

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Chord fingering chart:

	E A D G B E		E A D G B E		E A D G B E
A	0 0 2 2 2 0	Am7	0 0 2 0 1 0	D7	x x 0 2 1 2
Am	0 0 2 2 1 0	C	x 3 2 0 1 0	Em	0 2 2 0 0 0
A7	0 0 2 0 2 0	D	x x 0 2 3 2	G	3 2 0 0 0 3

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Are there a lot of chord changes or what?  
(some people play this song with the intro and the end having the same chords. If you figure it out, could you send me a copy?)

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SIMP format:. If you also need chords with every verse and like the printout for this song, check out the following "But I Might Die Tonight" post.

I have a fair number of other songs in this format and am interested in exchanging them.

Most wanted:  
Old Cheap Trick hits, and Cat Stevens from "Harold and Maude"

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. Hope you enjoy the song!

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Humor break:

A- "The Education President"  
B- "No New Taxes"

C- "The Environmental" (that's a good one) "President"  
. Hmmm, batting three for three.

Read my lips: Somebody will SAY ANYTHING to get elected.

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. "Happiness is a learned condition" --Tom Robbins

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