

AMERICAN PIE

As recorded by Don McLean

(From the 1971 Album AMERICAN PIE)

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A Intro (free tempo)

G D Em Am C Em D

A Gtr I long time ago I can still re-member how that music used to make me smile and

T	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	2	0	2
A	0	3	0	1	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
B	0	2	0	2	2	2	0	2	0	2	0	0

G D Em Am C Em7 C D

I knew if I had my chance that I could make those people dance and maybe they'd be happy for a while but

T	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	2	0	2
A	0	3	0	1	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	0
B	0	2	0	2	2	2	2	0	2	0	0	0

Em Am Em Am C G Am

February made me shiver with every paper I'd deliver Bad news on the doorstep I

T	0	1	0	1	1	3	1
A	0	2	0	2	2	0	0
B	2	2	2	2	2	2	2

C D G D Em Am D

couldn't take one more step I can't re-member if I cried when I read about his widowed bride

T	0	2	3	2	0	0	2
A	1	3	0	3	0	1	3
B	0	0	0	0	2	2	0

G D Em C D7 G

14 But something touched me deep inside the day the mu- -sic died

T	3	2	0	0	2	3
A	0	2	0	0	2	0
B	0	0	2	2	0	0
	2	0	2	3		2
	3	2	0			3

B Chorus

♩ = 102

G C G D G C G D

17 So bye bye Miss A- -merican Pie drove my Chevy to the levee but the levee was dry Them

T	3	3	3	0	0	0	0	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	0	0	0	0	3	3	3	2	2	2	2
A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	2
B	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2	2	3	3	0	0	0	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	0	0	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	

G C G D Em A7

21 good old bo- -ys were drinking whiskey and rye singing this'll be the day that I di- -e

T	3	3	3	0	0	0	0	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	0	0
A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	2	0	0
B	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
	2	2	3	3	0	0	0	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	0	0
	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3

C Verse

♩ = 140

Em D7 G

25 This'll be the day that I die Did you write the

T	0	2	2	2	0	2	3	(3) 2	0	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
A	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	(1) 1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
B	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	(2) 2	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0											3	3	3	3	3	3

Am C Am

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book of love and do yo- -u have faith in God abo- -ve

T	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
A	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
B	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	
B	0								3									0											

Em D

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If the bi- -ble tells you so Now do yo-

T	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	2	0	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
B	2		2		2		2		0	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	0	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
B	2								0									0										

G D Em Am

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-u believe in rock and roll can mu- -sic sa- -ve your

T	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
A	0	0	0	0	3	3	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
B	0		0		2	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
B	2				0				2		2			2				2		2			2			2		
B	3								0					0				0					0					

C Em A7

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mortal soul and can you teach me how to dance

T	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
B	2		2		2		2		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
B	3				3				2		2			2				0		2			2			2		
B	0								0					0				0					0					

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D Em

real slo- -w well I Know that you're in

T	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	2	0	2	2	2	0
A	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	0
B	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	2	2	2
															0

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D Em D

love with him cause I Saw you dancing in the gym you

T	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
A	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
B	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
									0	0	0	0	0	0	

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C G A7 C

both kicked off your sho- -es Man I dig those rhythm and blu-

T	0	0	0	0	3	3	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
A	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	0	2	2	1	1	1	1
B	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	2	2	2	2	2	2
	3				2				0				3		3		3	

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D G D Em

-es I was a Lone- -ly teen- -age bro- -ncin' buck with a

T	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
A	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	0	0	0	0	3	3	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
B	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
									2				0				2		2		2		2	

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Am C G D

pink carna- -tion and a pick up truck But I knew I was

T	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	2
A	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	3	3	3	3
B	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	2
B	0				0				3				3				2				0			

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Em C D7

out of lu- -ck the day the mu- -sic di-

T	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
B	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
B	2		2		2		2		2		2		2		2		0		0		0		0	

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G C G D

-ed I started singing

T	3	3	3	3	0	0	0	0	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	2
A	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	3	3	3	3
B	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	2
B	0		0		2		2		0		0		0		0	

D Final Chorus

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G C G D G C G D

Bye bye Miss A- -merican Pie drove my Chevy to the levee but the levee was dr- -y Them

T	3	3	3	0	0	0	0	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	0	0	0	0	3	3	3	2	2	2	2
A	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	3	3	3	3	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	3	3	3	3
B	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	2
B	0	0	0	2		2		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2		2		0	0	0	0		0	

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G C G D C D7 G C G

good old boys were drinking whiskey and rye singing this'll be the day that I di- -e

T 3 3 3 0 0 0 0 3 3 3 2 2 2 2 0 0 0 0 2 2 2 2 3 0 3

A 0 0 0 1 1 1 1 0 0 0 3 3 3 3 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 0 1 0

B 0 0 0 2 2 0 0 0 0 0 2 2 2 2 0 0 0 0 2 2 2 2 0 2 0

3 3