

AMERICAN PIE

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G D Em7 Am C
 A | long long time=a^go oo | I^can still^re mem^ber how^that |
 Em D G D Em7
 | mu^sic ~ used=to make^me smile | /// ~^And | I^knew=if I^had ^my chance ^that |
 Am C Em C
 | I^could make^those peo^ple^dance^and | May^be they'd^be ^hap py for=a |
 D Em Am Em Am
 | whi ile ee / | ~ ^but February made^me shi=ver ~ | With^every pa^per Id^de li=ver ~ |
 C G Am C D
 | Bad^news on^the door^step ~ ^I | could^nt take^one more^step I |
 G D Em Am7 D
 | Cant^re mem=ber=if=I cried^when I | read^a bout^his wid^owed ^bride ~ |
 G D Em C D7 G C
 | Some^thing^touched^me deep^in si=id=de=the | day y ^the mu sic | died dd dd dd |
 G
 | dd dd dd ~ ^so |

G C G D
||: Bye ee bye Miss^A | me^ri^can^Pie e drove ^my |
 G C G D
| Chev^y^to^the le^vee^but^the | lev^ee was^dry yy ~ ^them |
 G C G D
| ^good old ^boys s ^were^drink^in | whis^key^and^rye e ~ Sin^ging |
 Em A7 Em D7
| this^ll be^the=day y^that I | die /// | This^ll be^the=day y^that I | d=i^e ee ee | /// ||

G Am C
 1. | / Did^you u write ^the | ^book of ^love e^and^do^you | uu have faith in |
 2. | / Now^for ten years | we^ve been on^our^own^And | moss grows fat on^a |
 3. | / Hel^ter r skel ^ter | in^a sum^mer swell^ter The | birds flew off with |
 4. | (See next page for last verse)

Am Em D G D
God a^bo ve /	/ If^the Bi ble^tells	ss you^so oo /	/// Now^do	^yo ou ^be li^eve in
roll ing stone /	/ But thats not^how	it used^to be /	/// when^the	jes^ter sang for the
A fall out /	/ shel ter eight miles	ss high and /	/// fall^ing	fast land ed fo^ul

Em Am7 C
^rock and ^ro ll Can	mu^sic / ~ save ^your	^mor tal ^so ul And
king and queen In	a coat / ~ he ^bor	rowed from James Dean
on the grass The	play^ers / ~ tried^for	a for ward pass

Em A7 D
~ can ^you teach me	^how to ^dance ee	real ll slo o=w	ww / ~ ^Well I
/ And a^voice that	came from you uu	and me ee ee	ee / ~ ^Oh and
/ With the Jest^er	on the side ee	lines in a cast	tt / ~ ^Now the

Em D Em
know that^you re in	love with^him m^cause I	~ saw ^you dan cing
while the king was	look ing down The	~ Jes ^ter stole his
half time air was	sweet per^fume While ser	~ geants s played a

D C G A7 C
in the gym mm ~ ^u	both kicked off your shoe	es ss ~ ^Man I	dig those rythm n
thorny crown ~ ^the	court room was adjourned	dd dd ~ ^No	ver dict was re
marching tune ~ ^We	all got up to dance	ee ee ~ ^Oh but	we nev^er got the

D7 G D Em
blues^I was^a	lone^ly^teen n^ag ee	bron cin buck With^a
turned dd And	while Len^in read a	book on Ma rx
chance ee ee Cause	the play^ers tried dd	to take the field

Am C G D
pink car^na a^tion^and^a	^pick up ^tr uck ~ ^But	I knew I^i^was^ou
The quar tet prac	ticed in the park	And we sang dir^ges
The march ing band	^re fused to yield ~	Do you re^call what

Em C D7 G C
ut^tt^of^luck kk the^day	yy // the^mu	uu uu u sic ^died	dd //
in the^dark kk the^day	yy // the^mu	uu uu u sic ^died	dd //
tt was re^vealed the^day	yy // the^mu	uu uu u sic ^died	dd //

G D7
~ ^I star^ted sin^ging gg :	
~ ^We were sin^ging gg :	
~ ^We star^ted sin^ging gg :	

G D Em
 4. | #I=met=a girl^who sa=ng=the=blu e=s^and |
 Am C Em D
 | I^asked=her for^some hap=py=ne=ws s^But | she=just smiled ^and turned^a way |
 G D Em G
 | yy y^y y yy y | I^went down^to=the sa=cred=sto=r e^where=Id |
 Am G C Em C
 | heard^the^mus^ic years=be fore But=the | ^man there said=the ^mu sic would=nt |
 D Em Am
 | p^I=a yy yy ~ ^And | in^the^streets^the chil^dren screa^med=the |
 Em Am C G Am
 | lov^ers=cried d^and=the poets^dreamed d^But | not^a word^was spo^ken ~ ^The |
 C D G D Em G
 | church^bells^all^were ^bro ken And=the | three^men^I^ad mire most^the |
 C D7 G D Em
 | Fa^ther Son^and=the Ho^ly Ghost^They | caught^the^last^train for^the coast^The |
 C Am7 D7 G D7
 | day y the mu sic | died dd dd dd | ~ ^And they^were sing^ing gg |

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 C D7 G C G
 | this^ll be^the=day y^that I^die | ee ee ee ee |

(Note: Apologies for leaving out the 4th verse as my limit is 2 pages per song)