

# American Pie

## (Short) Version 2

Verse - (**Solo**) *Slow/one strum per chord*

**G D Em Am C Em D**  
A long long time ago, I can still remember, how that music used to make me smile  
**G D Em Am C**  
And I knew that if I had my chance, that I could make those people dance  
**Em C D**  
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**  
And I can't remember if I cried, when I heard about his widowed bride  
**G D Em C D7 G C G**  
But something touched me deep inside, the day, the music died - So

Chorus - (**Group**) *Slow*

**G C G D G C G D**  
Bye bye Miss American Pie, drove my Chevy to the levy, but the levy was dry  
**G C G D**  
And them good old boys were drinking whiskey and rye  
**Em A7 Em D7**  
Singing this'll be the day that I die, this'll be the day that I die

Verse - (**Group**) *Full Speed*

**G Am C Am**  
Did you write the book of love, and do you have faith in God above?  
**Em D**  
If the Bible tells you so  
**G D Em Am7**  
And do you believe in Rock n Roll? Can music save your mortal soul?  
**Em A7 D**  
And can you teach me how to dance real slow?  
**Em D Em D**  
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**  
Oh, I was a lonely teenage broncin' buck, with a pink carnation and a pickup truck  
**G D Em C D7 G C G**  
But I knew that I was out of luck, the day the music died. - I started singing

Chorus - (**Group**) *Full Speed*

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Bye bye Miss American Pie, drove my Chevy to the levy, but the levy was dry  
**G C G D**  
And them good old boys were drinking whiskey and rye  
**Em A7 Em D7**  
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Verse - (Solo) Slow

**G** **Am** **C** **Am**  
I met a girl who sang the blues, and I asked her for some happy news.

**Em** **D**  
But she just smiled and turned away

**G** **D** **Em** **Am7**  
I went down to the sacred store, where I heard the music years before

**Em** **A7** **D**  
But the man there, said the music wouldn't play

**Em** **D** **Em** **D**  
And in the streets, the children screamed. The lovers cried and the poets dreamed

**C** **G** **A7**  
But not a word was spoken

Full Speed **C** **D7**  
Oh, the church bells all were broken!

**G** **D** **Em** **Am** **C**  
And the three men I admire the 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. And they were singing

Chorus - (Group) Full Speed

**G** **C** **G** **D** **G** **C** **G** **D**  
Bye bye Miss American Pie, drove my Chevy to the levy, but the levy was dry

**G** **C** **G** **D**  
And them good old boys were drinking whiskey and rye

**Em** **A7** **Em** **D7**  
Singing this'll be the day that I die, this'll be the day that I die

**G** **C** **G** **D** **G** **C** **G** **D**  
Bye bye Miss American Pie, drove my Chevy to the levy, but the levy was dry

**G** **C** **G** **D**  
And them good old boys were drinking whiskey and rye

**Em** **A7** **Em** **D** **G**  
Singing this'll be the day that I die, this'll be the day that I die

