## **American Pie**

[G] Long, [D] long [Em] time ago, [Am] I can still re-[C] member how
That [Em] music used to [D] make me smile. [D7]
I [G] knew [D] if I [Em] had my chance that [Am] I could make those [C] people dance and [Em] maybe they'd be [C] happy for a [D] while.
But [Em] February [Am] made me shiver, [Em] with every paper [Am] I'd deliver,
[C] Bad news [G] on the [Am] doorstep, I [C] couldn't take one [D] more step.
I [G] can't re-[D] member [Em] if I cried when I [Am7] read about his [D] widowed bride,
[G] Something [D] touched me [Em] deep inside, the [C] day, the [D7] music, [G] died.

#### CHORUS

So [G] Bye - [C] bye, Miss A-[G]merican [D] Pie, drove my [G] chevy to the [C] levee but the [G] levee was [D] dry, Them [G] good ole' [C] boys were drinkin' [G] whiskey and [D] rye,singin' [Em] This'll be the day that I [A7] die, [Em] this'll be the day that I [D] die.

[G] Did you write the [Am] book of love and do [C] you have faith in [Am] God above, [Em] if the Bible [D] tells you so? [D7]

Now do [G] you be-[D]lieve in [Em] rock and roll, can [Am] music save your [C] mortal soul and [Em] can you teach me [A7] how to dance real [D] slow?

Well, I [*Em*] know that you're in [*D*] love with him, `cause I [*Em*] saw you dancing [*D*] in the gym. You [*C*] both kicked [*G*] off your [*A7*] shoes, man I [*C*] dig those rhythm and [*D7*] blues.

I was a [G] lonely [D] teenage [Em] broncin' buck with a [Am] pink carnation and a [C] pick up truck,

but [G] I knew [D] I was [Em] out of luck the [C] day, the [D7] music, [G] died. [C] [G] [D] I started singin' Am7

#### CHORUS

[G] Bye - [C] bye, Miss A-[G]merican [D] Pie.....

Now for [G] ten years we've been [*Am*] on our own, and [*C*] moss grows fat on a [*Am*] rolling stone But that's [*Em*] not how it [*D*] used to be[*D7*]

When the **[G]** jester **[D]**sang for the **[Em]** King and Queen In a **[Am]** coat he borrowed **[C]** from James Dean

And a [Em] voice that came from [D] you and me

Oh and [*Em*] while the King was [*D*] looking down, the [*Em*] jester stole his [*D*] thorny crown The [*C*] courtroom [*G*] was adjour[*A7*] ned, no [*C*] verdict was re[*D7*] turned

And while [G] Lennon [D] read a [Em] book of Marx, the [Am] Quartet practiced [C] in the park And [G] we sang [D] dirges [Em] in the dark, the [C] day, the D7] music, [G] died. [C] [G] [D] We were singin'

#### CHORUS

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### Slower CHORUS Sung by Soloist only

[D] And they were singin'..

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