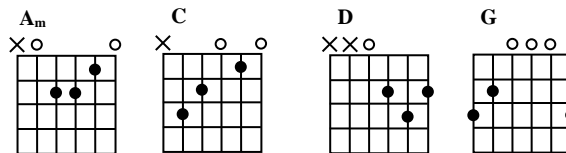


WE DIDN'T START THE FIRE

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Intro G D Am C (4 times)

Verse 1

G D Am C
Harry Truman, Doris Day, Red China, Johnnie Ray South Pacific, Walter Winchell, Joe DiMaggio
G D Am C
Joe McCarthy, Richard Nixon, Studebaker, television North Korea, South Korea, Marilyn Monroe

Instrumental G D Am C

Verse 2

G D Am C
Rosenbergs, H-bomb, Sugar Ray, Panmunjom Brando, The King and I and The Catcher in the Rye
G D Am C
Eisenhower, vaccine, England's got a new queen Marciano, Liberace, Santayana goodbye

Chorus 1

G D Am C
We didn't start the fire It was always burning Since the world's been turning
G D Am C
We didn't start the fire No, we didn't light it But we tried to fight it

Instrumental A# F Cm Gm D# A# G# F

Verse 3

G D Am C
Joseph Stalin, Malenkov, Nasser and Prokofiev Rockefeller, Campanella, Communist Bloc
G D Am C
Roy Cohn, Juan Peron, Toscanini, Dacron Dien Bien Phu falls, Rock Around the Clock
G D Am C
Einstein, James Dean, Brooklyn's got a winning team Davy Crockett, Peter Pan, Elvis Presley, Disneyland
G D Am C
Bardot, Budapest, Alabama, Khrushchev Princess Grace, Peyton Place, trouble in the Suez

Chorus 1

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Verse 4

G D Am C
Little Rock, Pasternak, Mickey Mantle, Kerouac Sputnik, Chou En-Lai, Bridge on the River Kwai
G D Am C
Lebanon, Charles de Gaulle, California, baseball Stark weather, homicide, children of thalidomide
G D Am C
Buddy Holly, Ben Hur, space monkey, Mafia Hula hoops, Castro, Edsel is a no-go
G D Am C
U-2, Syngman Rhee, payola and Kennedy Chubby Checker, Psycho, Belgians in the Congo

Chorus 1

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Verse 5

G **D** **A_m** **C**
 Hemingway, Eichmann, Stranger in a Strange Land Dylan, Berlin, Bay of Pigs invasion
G **D** **A_m** **C**
 Lawrence of Arabia, British Beatle mania Ole Miss, John Glenn, Liston beats Patterson
G **D** **A_m** **C**
 Pope Paul, Malcolm X, British politician sex JFK, blown away, what else do I have to say

Chorus 1

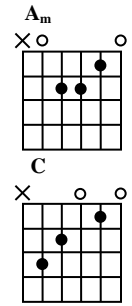
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G **D** **A_m** **C**
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Verse 6

G **D**
 Birth control, Ho Chi Minh, Richard Nixon back again
A_m **C** **G** **D**
 Moon shot, Woodstock, Watergate, punk rock Begin, Reagan, Palestine, terror on the airline
A_m **C** **G** **D**
 Ayatollah's in Iran, Russians in Afghanistan Wheel of Fortune, Sally Ride, heavy metal, suicide
A_m **C**
 Foreign debts, homeless vets, AIDS, crack, Bernie Goetz
G **D**
 Hypodermics on the shores, China's under martial law
A_m **C**
 Rock and roller cola wars, I can't fight it anymore

Chorus 2

G **D** **A_m** **C**
 We didn't start the fire It was always burning Since the world's been turning
G **D** **A_m**
 We didn't start the fire But when we are gone

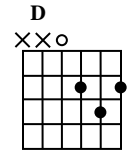


Outro

C **G** **D** **A_m** **C**
 Will it still burn on, and on, and on, and on, and on, and on

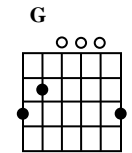
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Chorus 3

G **D** **A_m** **C**
 We didn't start the fire It was always burning Since the world's been turning
G **D**
 We didn't start the fire