

We Didn't Start the Fire [G]

[Half Step]

INTRO

G D Am C x4

VERSE 1 - G/// D/// Am/// C/// x2

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

G D Am C

VERSE 2 - G/// D/// Am/// C/// x2

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

CHORUS

G/D D
We didn't start the fire;

Am
It was always burning,

C
Since the world's been turning

G/D D
We didn't start the fire

G/B
No we didn't light it,

C
But we tried to fight it

VERSE 3 - G/// D/// Am/// C/// x4

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

CHORUS 2

G/D D
We didn't start the fire;

Am
It was always burning,

C
Since the world's been turning

We Didn't Start the Fire -

G/D **D**
We didn't start the fire
G/B
No we didn't light it,
Am
But we tried to fight it

VERSE 4

C **Am**
Little Rock, Pasternak, Mickey Mantle, Kerouac
Em **D**
Sputnik, Chou En-Lai, "Bridge on the River Kwai"
C **Am**
Lebanon, Charles de Gaulle, California baseball
Em **D** **Dsus2 D** (2 measures E.G and drums)
Starkweather, homicide, children of thalidomide
G/// D/// Am/// C/// x2
Buddy Holly, "Ben Hur", space monkey, Mafia
Hula hoops, Castro, Edsel is a no-go
U-2, Syngman Rhee, payola and Kennedy
Chubby Checker, "Psycho", Belgians in the Congo

CHORUS

VERSE 5 - G/// D/// Am/// C/// x3

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

CHORUS 1

VERSE 6 - G/// D/// Am/// C/// x4

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

CHORUS 3

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

We Didn't Start the Fire -

G/D **D**
We didn't start the fire
G/B
But when we are gone
C **D / / / D/// Am/// C///**
Will it still burn on, and on, and on, and on x3

CHORUS 2 X2

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