

Billy Joel- We Didn't Start the Fire (1989)

Intro:

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E|-----
B|-----12-----12-----12-----
G|-----12-14-----12-14----14-12----12-14----14-12-----
D|12-12-12-14-----14-----14-----14-----14-----
A|-----
E|-----

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Verse 1: (1949-1950)

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

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Intro

Verse 2: (1951-1952)

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Rosenbergs, 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

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Chorus:

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

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Chords Used:

Use open chords or these Power Chords

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G      (355xxx)
D      (x577xx)
E      (x799xx)
C      (x355xx)
A      (577xxx)

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Verse 3: (1953-1956)

Joseph Stalin, Malenkov, Nasser and Prokofiev
Rockefeller, Campanella, Communist Bloc
Roy Cohn, Juan Peron, Toscanini, Dancron
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

Bridge: (1957-1958)

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
Starkwether, Homicide, Children of Thalidomide

Interlude:

E|-----12p0-0---10p0-0---8p0-0---7p0-0-8p0---|
B|-----|
G|-----|
D|-----|
A|-----|
E|-----|

Verse 4: (1959-1960)

Buddy Holly, Ben Hur, Space Monkey, Mafia
Hula Hoops, Castro, Edsel is a no-go
U2, Syngman Rhee, payola and Kennedy
Chubby Checker, Psycho, Belgians in the Congo

Chorus

Verse 5: (1961-1963)

Hemingway, Eichman, Stranger in a Strange Land
Dylan, Berlin, Bay of Pigs invasion
Lawrence of Arabia, British Beatlemania
Ole Miss, John Glenn, Liston beats Patterson
Pope Paul, Malcolm X, British Politician sex
J.F.K. blown away, what else do I have to say

Chorus

Verse 6: (1964-1989)

Birth control, Ho Chi Minh, Richard Nixon back again
Moonshot, 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 2:

We didn't start the fire
It was always burning
Since the world's been turning
We didn't start the fire
But when we are gone it will still burn on
and on and on and on and on and on

Chorus