

Black Francis

"American Pie"

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A long long time ago, I can still remember
How that music used to make me smile
And I knew if I had my chance
That I could make those people dance
And maybe, they'd be happy for a while
But February made me shiver
With ev'ry paper I'd deliver
Bad news on the door step
I couldn't take one more step
I can't remember if I creid
When I read about this widowed bride
Something touched me deep inside
The day the music died, so

*Bye bye Miss American Pie
Drove my chevy to the levy
But the levy was dry
Then good old boys
Were drinkin' whiskey in Rye
Singin' this'll be the day that I die
This'll be the day that I die

Did you write the book of love
And do you have faith in god above
If the bible tells you so
Now do you believe in rock and roll
Can music save your mortal soul
And can you teach me
How to dance real slow
Well I know that you're in love with him
'Cause I saw you dancin' in the gym
You both kicked off your shoes
Then I digged those rhythm and blues
I was a lonely teenage broncin' buck
With a pink carnation and a pick up truck
But I knew I was out of luck
The day the music died, I started singing

(Repeat *)

I met a girl who sang the blues

And I asked her for some happy news
But she just smiled and turned away
I went down to the sacred store
Where I'd heard the music years before
But the men there said
The music wouldn't play
But in the streets the children screamed
The lovers cried and the poets dreamed
But not a word was spoken
The church bells all were broken
And the three men I admire most
The father son and holy ghost
They caught the last train for the coast
The day the music died
And they were singin'

(Repeat *)

That night we gave it hell on the stage
Like Robert Plant and Jimmy Page
From the Band which is nevermore
We'd just found out their drummer died
And we really really must abide
The rules of Rock 'n Roll
I picked up a can of drink
Then threw it back to the ground
We played that song again
With its beautiful refrain
And we remembered

(Repeat *)

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