

## Joel Billy

### "We didn't start the fire"

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'49 harry truman, doris day, red china, johnnie ray  
South pacific, walter winchell, joe dimaggio

'50 joe mccarthy, richard nixon, studebaker, television  
North korea, south korea, marilyn monroe

'51 rosenbergs, h-bomb, sugar ray, panmunjom  
Brando, "the king and i" and "the catcher in the rye"

'52 eisenhower, vaccine, england's got a new queen  
Marciano, liberace, santayana goodbye

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

'53 joseph stalin, malenkov, nasser and prokofiev  
Rockefeller, campanella, communist bloc

'54 roy cohn, juan peron, toscanini, dacron  
Dien bien phu falls, "rock around the clock"

'55 einstein, james dean, brooklyn's got a winning  
team  
Davy crockett, peter pan, elvis presley, disneyland

'56 bardot, budapest, alabama, krushchev  
Princess grace, "peyton place", trouble in the sues

Chorus

'57 little rock, pasternak, mickey mantle, kerouac  
Sputnik, chou en-lai, "bridge on the river kwai"

'58 lebanon, charles de gaulle, california baseball  
Starkweather, homicide, children of thalidomide

'59 buddy holly, "ben hur", space monkey, mafia  
Hula hoops, castro, edsel is a no-go

'60 u-2, syngman ree, payola and kennedy  
Chubby checker, "psycho", belgians in the congo

Chorus

'61 hemingway, eichmann, "stranger in a strange land"  
Dylan, berlin, bay of pigs invasion

'62 "lawrence of arabia", british beatlemania  
Ole miss, john glenn, liston beats patterson

'63 pope paul, malcolm x, british politician sex  
Jfk, blown away, what else do i have to say

Chorus

'64 - '89 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

We didn't start the fire  
But when we are gone  
Will it still burn on, and on, and on, and on...

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