

WE DIDN'T START THE FIRE

Billy Joël

Tempo 144 Orig. G-Dur

Bright Rock
G/D

1,2,3
Em7 C(add9) 4
G/B

C(add9) G D Em(add11)

Har - ry Tru-man, Dor-is Day, Red Chi - na, John-nie Ray, South Pa - cif - ic, Wal - ter Win-chell,

C G D Em(add11)

Joe Di - Mag-gi - o, Joe Mc - Car-thy, Rich-ard Nix - on, Stu - de - bak - er, Tel - e - vi - sion, North Ko-re - a, South Ko-re - a,

C G/D Em7 C(add9)

Mar - i - lyn Mon - roe.

G D Em(add11) C

Ro - sen-bergs, H - Bomb, Sug - ar Ray, Pan-mun - jom, Bran - do, The King and I, and the Catch - er In The Rye.
Bud - dy Hol - ly, Ben Hur, Space Mon-key, Ma - fi - a, Hul - a - Hoops, Cas - tro, Ed - sel is a no go.

G D Em C

Ei - sen-how - er, Vac - cine, Eng-land's got a new queen Mar - ci - an - o, Li - ber - a - ce, San - ta - yan - a good - bye.
U - 2, Syng-man Rhee, pay - o - la and Ken-ne - dy. Chub-by Check-er, Psy - cho, Bel-gians in the Con - go.

G/D Em7 C(add9)

We Did - n't Start The Fi - re. It was al - ways burn - ing since the world's been turn - ing.

G/D G/B C(add9)

We Did - n't Start The Fi - re. No, we did - n't light - it, but we tried to fight - it.

§ G D Em(add11) C

Jo-seph Sta - lin, Ma - len - kov, Nas - ser and Pro - ko - fi - ev, Rock - e - fel - ler, Cam - pa - nel - la, Com - mu - nist Bloc.
Hem - ing-way, Eich - mann, Stran-ger In A Strange Land, Dyl - an, Ber - lin, Bay of Pigs In - va - sion.
Birth Con-trol, Ho Chi Minh, Rich-ard Nix - on back a - gain. Moon - shot, Wood - stock, Wa - ter - gate, Punk Rock.

G D Em(add11) C

Roy - Cohn, Juan Pe - rón, Tos - ca - ni - ni, Da - cron. Dien Bien Phu Falls, Rock A - round The Clock.
Law-rence of A - ra - bi - a, Brit - ish Bea - tle - ma - ni - a. Ole Miss, John Glenn, Lis - ton beats Pat - ter - son.
Be-gin, Rea-gan, Pal - es - tine, Ter - ror on the air - line. Ay - a - toll - ahs in I - ran, Rus - sians in Af - ghan - i - stan.

G D Em C

Ein - stein, James Dean, Brook-lyn's got a win - ning team, Dav - y Crock-ett, Pet - er Pan, El - vis Pres - ley, Dis - ney - land.
Pope Paul, Mal - colm X, Heav - y Met - al Su - i - cide, J. F. K. blown a - way.
Wheel of For - tune, Sal - ly Ride. For - eign debts, Home - less Vets,

G D Em C

Bar - dot, Bu - da - pest Al - a - bam - a, Khru - shchev, Prin - cess Grace, Pey - ton Place, Trou - ble in the Su - ez.

To Coda ⊕

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G/D G/B Am7
We Did - n't Start The Fi - re. No, we did - n't light _ it, but we tried to fight _ it.

C Am Em D
Lit - tle Rock, Pas - ter - nak, Mic - key Man - tle, Ker - ou - ac, Sput - nik, Chou - En - Lai, Bridge On The Riv - er Kwai,

C Am Em D
Leb - a - non, Charles de Gaulle, Cal - i - for - nia base - ball, Stark weath - er Ho - mi - cide, Chil - dren of Tha - lid - o - mide.

2 C G/D
Oh, _____ what else do I have to say? We Did - n't Start The Fi -

Em7 C(add9) G/D
- re. It was al - ways burn - ing since the world's been turn - ing. We Did - n't Start The Fi -

G/B C(add9) D.S. al Coda
- re. No, we did - n't light _ it, but we tried to fight _ it.

CODA
C G D
AIDS, Crack, Ber - nie Goetz. Hy - po - der - mics on the shores, Chi - na's un - der mar - tial law.

Em N.C. G/D
Rock and Roll - er Co - la Wars, I can't take it an - y - more. We Did - n't Start The Fi - re. It was

Em7 C(add9) G/D
al - ways burn - ing since the world's been turn - ing. We Did - n't Start The Fi - re. { But when }
{ No, we }

1 G/B C(add9) G/D
we are gone _ will it still burn on, _ and on, _

2 Em7 C(add9) Repeat and Fade
_ and on, _ and on, _ and on. _ did - n't light _ it, but we tried to fight _ it.