

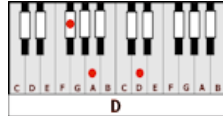
WE DIDN'T START THE FIRE – Billy Joel (G)

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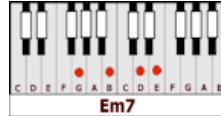
G = 320003



D = xx0232



Em7 = o2203o



C = x32010



G/D = xx0003



G/B = x2003x



Cadd9 = x3203o



Dsus2 = xx023o



INTRO: G/D D G/B Cadd9 X2

G **D**
 Harry Truman, Doris Day, Red China, Johnnie Ray
Em7 **C**
 South Pacific, Walter Winchell, Joe DiMaggio
G **D**
 Joe McCarthy, Richard Nixon, Studebaker, television
Em7 **C**
 North Korea, South Korea, Marilyn Monroe

BRIDGE: G/D D G/B Cadd9

G **D**
 Rosenberg's H-bomb, Sugar Ray, Panmunjom
Em7 **C**
 Brando, "The King and I" and "The Catcher in the Rye"
G **D**
 Eisenhower, vaccine, England's got a new queen
Em7 **C**
 Marciano, Liberace, Santayana goodbye

G/D **D**
CHORUS: We didn't start the fire;
G/B **Cadd9**
It was always burning, since the world's been turning
G/D **D**
We didn't start the fire;
G/B **Cadd9**
No, we didn't light it, but we tried to fight it

G **D**
Joseph Stalin, Malenkov, Nasser and Prokofiev
Em7 **C**
Rockefeller, Campanella, Communist Bloc
G **D**
Roy Kahn, Juan Peron, Toscanini, Dacron
Em7 **C**
Dien Bien, Phu falls, "Rock Around the Clock"

G **D**
Einstein, James Dean, Brooklyn's got a winning team
Em7 **C**
Davy Crockett, Peter Pan, Elvis Presley, Disneyland
G **D**
Bardot, Budapest, Alabama, Khrushchev
Em7 **C**
Princess Grace, "Peyton Place", trouble in the Suez

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C **Am**
BRIDGE: Little Rock, Pasternak, Mickey Mantle, Kerouac
Em7 **D**
Sputnik, Chou En-Lai, "Bridge on the River Kwai"
C **Am**
Lebanon, Charles de Gaulle, California baseball
Em7 **D** **Dsus2**
Starkweather, homicide, children of thalidomide

G **D**
Buddy Holly, "Ben Hur", space monkey, Mafia
Em7 **C**
Hula hoops, Castro, Edsel is a no-go
G **D**
U-2, Syngman Rhee, payola and Kennedy
Em7 **C**
Chubby Checker, "Psycho", Belgians in the Congo

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G **D**
Hemingway, Eichmann, "Stranger in a Strange Land"
Em7 **C**
Dylan, Berlin, Bay of Pigs invasion
G **D**
"Lawrence of Arabia", British Beatle mania
Em7 **C**
Ole Miss, John Glenn, Liston beats Patterson

C **Am**
Pope Paul, Malcolm X, British politician sex
Em7 **D (pause)**
JFK, blown away, what else do I have to say

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G **D**
Birth control, Ho Chi Minh, Richard Nixon back again
Em7 **C**
Moon shot, Woodstock, Watergate, punk rock
G **D**
Begin, Reagan, Palestine, terror on the airline
Em7 **C**
Ayatollah's in Iran, Russians in Afghanistan

G **D**
"Wheel of Fortune", Sally Ride, heavy metal, suicide
Em7 **C**
Foreign debts, homeless vets, AIDS, crack, Bernie Goetz
G **D**
Hypodermics on the shores, China's under martial law
Em7 **C**
Rock and roller cola wars, I can't take it anymore

G/D **D**
ENDING CHORUS: We didn't start the fire;
G/B **Cadd9**
It was always burning, since the world's been turning
G/D **D**
We didn't start the fire;
G/B **Cadd9** **G** **D** **Em7** **C**
But when we are gone, will it still burn on and on and on and on *(repeat to fade)*