

WE DIDN'T START THE FIRE

Words and Music by
BILLY JOEL**Bright Rock**

G/D



1, 2, 3

Em7



C(add9)



4 G/B



C(add9)



G



D



Har-ry Tru-man, Dor-is Day, Red Chi-na, John-nie Ray,

Em(add11)



C



G



South Pac-if-ic, Wal-ter Win-chell, Joe Di-Mag-gi-o. Joe Mc-Car-thy, Rich-ard Nix-on,

D



Em(add11)



C



Stu-de-bak-er, Tel-e-vi-sion, North Ko-re-a, South Ko-re-a, Mar-i-lyn Mon-roe.

G/D  Em7 

C(add9)  G  D 



Ro - sen - bergs, H - Bomb, Sug - ar Ray, Pan - mun-jom,
Bud - dy Hol - ly, Ben Hur, Space Mon-key, Ma - fi - a,

Em(add11)  C  G 

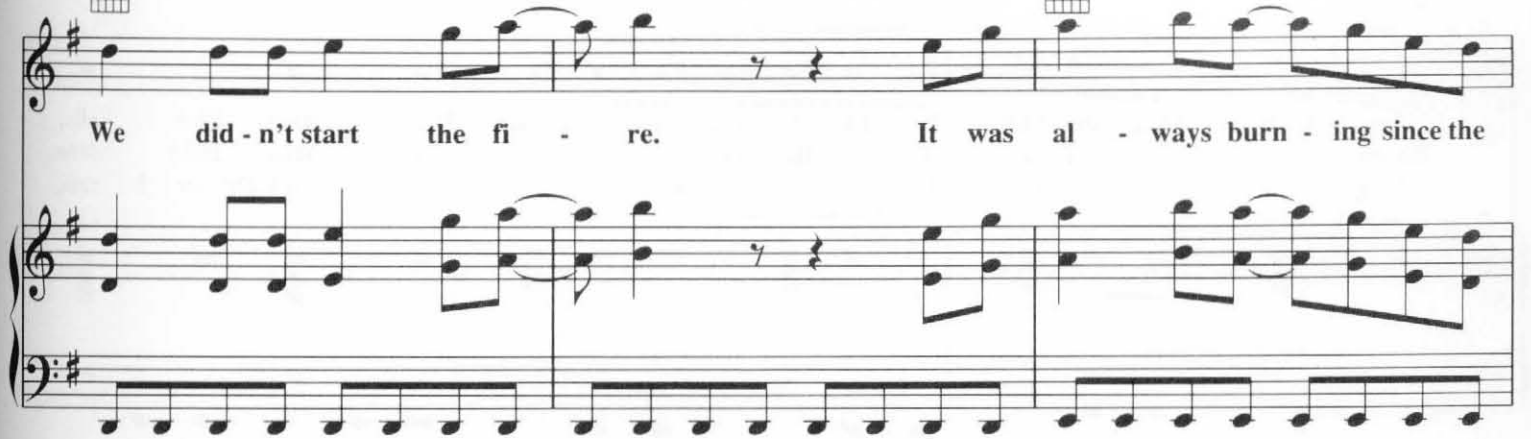
Bran - do, The King and I, and The Catch-er In The Rye. Ei - sen- how - er, Vac - cine,
Hul - a - Hoops, Cas - tro, Ed - sel is a no go. U - 2, Syng-man Rhee,



D  Em  C 

Eng-land's got a new queen Mar - ci - an - o, Li - ber - a - ce, San - ta - yan - a good - bye. }
pay - o - la and Ken - ne - dy. Chub-by Check-er, Psy - cho, Belgians in the Con - go. }


G/D  Em7 

We did - n't start the fi - re. It was al - ways burn - ing since the



C(add9)  G/D 




world's been turn - ing. We did - n't start the fi - re. No, we



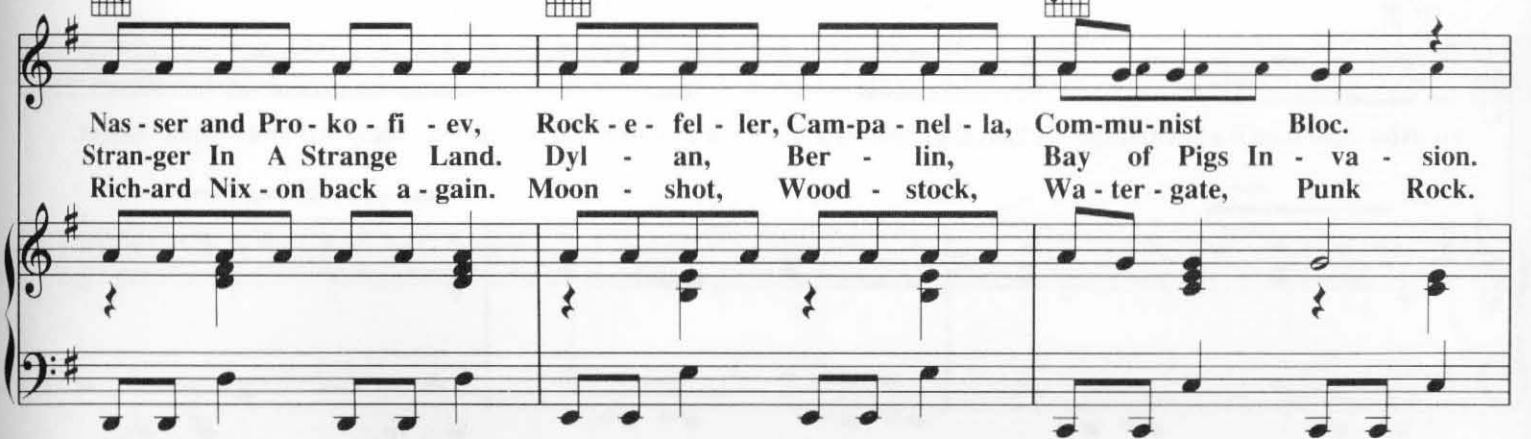
G/B  C(add9)  G 

did - n't light - it, but we tried to fight - it. { Jo - seph Sta - lin, Ma - len - kov,
Hem - ing - way, Eich - mann,
Birth Con - trol, Ho Chi Minh,



D  Em(add11)  C 

Nas - ser and Pro - ko - fi - ev, Rock - e - fel - ler, Cam - pa - nel - la, Com - mu - nist Bloc.
Stran - ger In A Strange Land. Dyl - an, Ber - lin, Bay of Pigs In - va - sion.
Rich - ard Nix - on back a - gain. Moon - shot, Wood - stock, Wa - ter - gate, Punk Rock.



G D Em(add11)

Roy - Cohn, Juan Pe - rón, Tos - ca - ni - ni, Da - cron. Dien Bien Phu Falls,
Law - rence of A - ra - bi - a, Brit - ish Bea - tle - ma - ni - a. Ole Miss, John Glenn,
Be - gin, Rea - gan, Pal - es - tine, Ter - ror on the air - line. Ay - a - toll - ahs in I - ran,

C G D

Rock - A - round The Clock. Ein - stein, James Dean, Brook - lyn's got a win - ning team,
Lis - ton beats Pat - ter - son. Pope Paul, Mal - colm X, Brit - ish Pol - i - ti - cian sex,
Rus - sians in Af - ghan - i - stan. Wheel of For - tune, Sal - ly Ride. Heav - y Met - al Su - i - cide,


Em 1 C G

To Coda ⊕

Dav - y Crock - ett, Pet - er Pan, El - vis Pres - ley, Dis - ney - land. Bar - dot, Bu - da - pest
J. F. K. blown a - way.
For - eign debts, Home - less Vets,

D Em C

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

G/D  Em7 

We did - n't start the fi - re. It was al - ways burn - ing since the



C(add9)  G/D 




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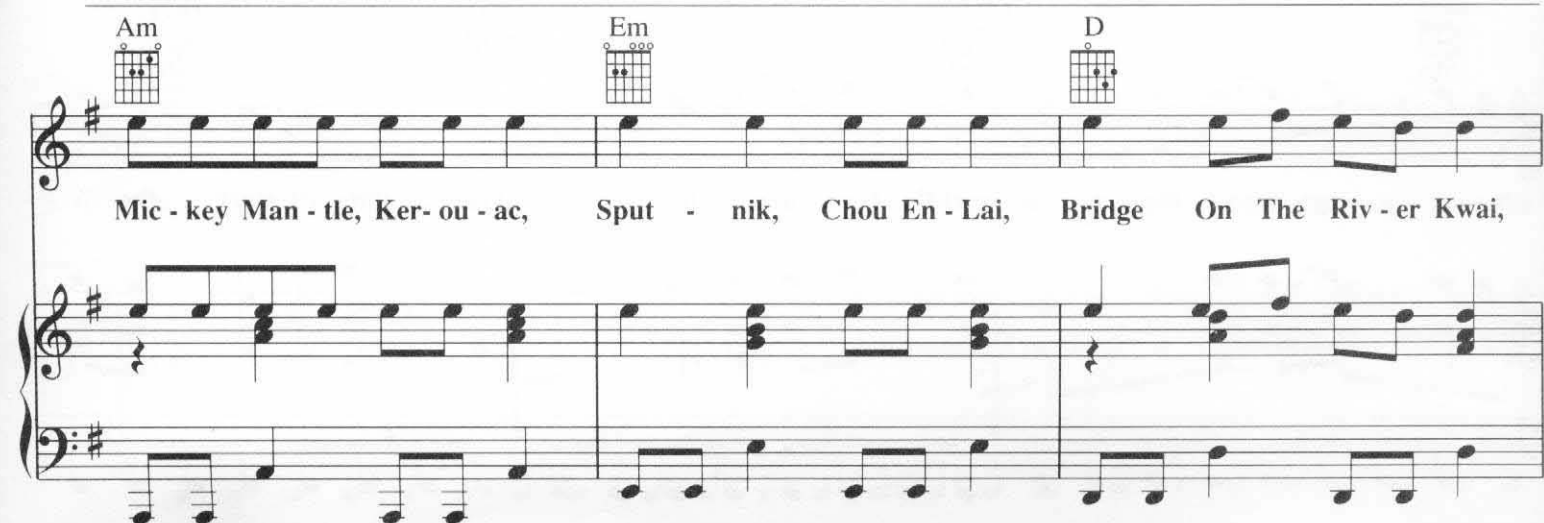
G/B  Am7  C 

did - n't light — it, but we tried to fight — it. Lit - tle Rock, Pas - ter - nak,



Am  Em  D 

Mic - key Man - tle, Ker - ou - ac, Sput - nik, Chou En - Lai, Bridge On The Riv - er Kwai,



C Am Em

Leb - a - non, Charles de Gaulle, Cal - i - for - nia base - ball, Stark - weath - er Ho - mi - cide,

D

Chil - dren of Tha - lid - o - mide. Oh,

2 C G/D

what else do I have to say? 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 -

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

AIDS, Crack, Ber - nie Goetz. Hy - po - der - mics on the shores,

D Em no chord

Chi - na's un - der mar - tial law. Rock and Roll - er Co - la Wars, I can't take it an - y - more.

G/D Em7

We did - n't start the fi - re. It was al - ways burn - ing since the

C(add9) G/D

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, _ and on, _ and on, _

Em7 C(add9)

_ and on, _ and on, _ and on, _ and on, _ and on. _

2 Em7 C(add9) Repeat and Fade

did - n't light _ it, but we tried to fight _ it.