

**Only the Good Die Young** - Billy Joel // 1977 // key: F

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Intro: | F | G - Am | F | G - C |  
| F | G - Am | F\* | G\* | [Hold]

F G - Am F G - C  
1. Come out Virginia, don't let me wait, you Catholic girls start much too late  
F G - Am F\* G\*  
But sooner or later it comes down to fate, I might as well be the one

F G - Am F G - C  
2. Well, they showed you a statue, told you to pray, they built you a temple and locked you away  
F G - Am F\* G\*  
But they never told you the price that you pay, for things that you might have done

C F G C  
Chorus: Only the good die young, That's what I said  
C F G C  
Only the good die young, only the good die young

3. You might have F heard I run with a G dangerous Am crowd, we F ain't too pretty we G ain't too C proud  
We F might be laughing a G bit too Am loud, but F\* that never hurt no G\* one

4. So come F on Virginia G show me a Am sign, F send up a signal I'll G throw you the C line  
The F stained glass curtain you're G hiding Am behind, F\* never lets in the G\* sun

Chorus: Darlin' only the good die C young, F whoa, whoa, whoa, whoa, whoa G C  
I tell ya only the good C die F young, only the good G die young C

G\* F\* C  
Bridge: You got a nice white dress and a party on your confirmation

D F  
You got a brand new soul, and a cross of gold

G\* F\* C  
But Virginia they didn't give you quite enough information

D F G\* F\* Em\* Dm\*  
You didn't count on me when you were counting on your rosary, oh woah woah woah

5. They F say there's a heaven for G those who will Am wait, F some say it's better but G I say it C ain't  
I'd rather F laugh with the sinners than G cry with the Am saints, the F\* sinners are much more G\* fun

Chorus: You know that only the good die C young, F oh woah baby baby G C  
I tell ya only the good C die F young, only the good G die young C

Solo: | G | F | C | C |  
| D | D | F | F |

Bridge: You say your G\* mother told you all that I could F\* give you was a C reputation  
Aww she never D cared for me, but did she ever say a F prayer for me? G\* oh F\* woah Em\* woah Dm\* woah

6. Come F out come out come out Virginia G don't Am let me wait, F you Catholic G girls start C much too late  
F Sooner or later it G comes down to Am fate, I F\* might as well be the G\* one

Outro: You know that only the good die young, C F tell you baby G C  
You know that only the good C die F young, only the good G die young C  
Only the goooo C oo F ood, only the good G die young C  
Oooh oh ooooo C oo F ooh, ooh oh G ooh ooh C [Repeat last line and fade]