We Didn't Start the Fire - Billy Joel // 1989 // key: G

Intro: [*over main piano riff*]
|**G/D** |**G/D** |**Em^{7}** |**C^{add9}** |
|**G/D** |**G/D** |**G/B** |**C^{add9}** |[*Repeat 2x*]

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

Interlude: [*over main piano riff*]
|**G/D** |**G/D** |**Em^{7}** |**C^{add9}** |

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

G/D G/D Em^{7} C^{add9}
Chorus: We didn't start the fire, it was always burning since the world's been turning
G/D G/D G/B C^{add9}
We didn't start the fire, no we didn't light it but we tried to fight it

G D Em C
3. Joseph Stalin, Malenkov, Nasser and Prokofiev, Rockefeller, Campanella, Communist Bloc
G D Em C
Roy Cohn, Juan Peron, Toscanini, Dacron, Dien Bien Phu falls, Rock Around the Clock
G D Em C
Einstein, James Dean, Brooklyn's got a winning team, Davy Crockett, Peter Pan, Elvis Presley, Disneyland
G D Em C
Bardot, Budapest, Alabama, Krushchev, Princess Grace, Peyton Place, trouble in the Suez

Chorus: [*Repeat Chorus*]

C Am Em D
4. Little Rock, Pasternak, Mickey Mantle, Kerouac, Sputnik, Chou En-lai, Bridge on the River Kwai
C Am Em D
Lebanon, Charles de Gaulle, California baseball, Starkweather homicide, children of thalidomide

Interlude: **Em* D* C* Bm* C* Am***

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

Chorus: [*Repeat Chorus*]

G D Em C
6. Hemingway, Eichmann, Stranger in a Strange Land, Dylan, Berlin, Bay of Pigs invasion
G D Em C
Lawrence of Arabia, British Beatlemania, Ole Miss, John Glenn, Liston beats Patterson
G D Em C
Pope Paul, Malcolm X, British politician sex, JFK blown away, what else do I have to say?

G/D G/D Em^7 C^{add9}
Chorus: We didn't start the fire, it was always burning since the world's been turning
G/D G/D G/B C^{add9}
We didn't start the fire, no we didn't light it but we tried to fight it

G D Em C
7. Birth control, Ho Chi Minh, Richard Nixon back again, Moonshot, Woodstock, Watergate, punk rock
G D Em C
Begin, Reagan, Palestine, terror on the airline, Ayatollah's in Iran, Russians in Afghanistan
G D Em C
Wheel of Fortune, Sally Ride, heavy metal suicide, Foreign debts, homeless vets, AIDS, crack, Bernie Goetz
G D Em* N.C.
Hypodermics on the shores, China's under martial law, Rock and roller cola wars, I can't take it anymore

G/D G/D Em^7 C^{add9}
Outro: We didn't start the fire, it was always burning since the world's been turning
G/D G/D G/B C^{add9}
We didn't start the fire, but when we are gone will it still burn on, and on
G/D G/D Em^7 C^{add9}
And on, and on and on, and on, and on, and on, and on
G/D G/D Em^7 C^{add9}
We didn't start the fire, it was always burning since the world's been turning
G/D G/D Em^7 C^{add9}
We didn't start the fire, no we didn't light it but we tried to fight it [*Repeat and fade*]