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We Didn't Start the Fire (Lyrics) - Billy Joel (1989)

Harry Truman, Doris Day
Red China, Johnny Ray
South Pacific, Walter Winchell, Joe DiMaggio

Joe McCarthy, Richard Nixon
Studebaker, Television
North Korea, South Korea, Marilyn Monroe

Rosenbergs, H-bomb
Sugar Ray, Panmunjom
Brando, The King and I
And The Catcher In The Rye

Eisenhower, Vaccine
England's got a new queen
Marciano, Liberace, Santayana goodbye

Chorus:
We didn't start the fire
It was always burning since the world's been turning
We didn't start the fire
No, we didn't light it
But we tried to fight it

Joseph Stalin, Malenkov
Nasser and Prokofiev
Rockefeller, Campanella, Communist Bloc

Roy Cohn
Juan Peron
Toscanini, Dacron
Dien Bien Phu Falls, Rock Around the Clock

Einstein, James Dean,
Brooklyn's got a winning team
Davy Crockett, Peter Pan
Elvis Presley, Disneyland

Bardot, Budapest
Alabama, Khrushchev
Princess Grace
Peyton Place
Trouble in the Suez

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Little Rock, Pasternak,
Mickey Mantle, Kerouac
Sputnik, Chou En-Lai,
Bridge On The River Kwai

Lebanon, Charles de Gaulle,
California baseball
Starkweather homicides,
Children of Thalidomide

Buddy Holly, Ben Hur
Space Monkey, Mafia
Hula Hoops, Castro
Edsel is a no-go

U2, Syngman Rhee
payola and Kennedy
Chubby Checker, Psycho,
Belgians in the Congo

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Hemingway, Eichman
Stranger in a Strange Land
Dylan
Berlin
Bay of Pigs invasion

Lawrence of Arabia
British Beatlemania
Ole Miss, John Glenn
Liston beats Patterson

Pope Paul, Malcolm X
British Politician sex
J.F.K. blown away
What else do I have to say?

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Birth control, Ho Chi Minh
Richard Nixon back again
Moonshot
Woodstock
Watergate, punk rock

Begin
Reagan
Palestine
Terror on the airline
Ayatollah's in Iran
Russians in Afghanistan

Wheel of Fortune, Sally Ride,
heavy metal, suicide
Foreign debts
Homeless Vets

AIDS, Crack, Bernie Goetz
Hypodermics on the shores
China's under martial law
Rock and roller, cola wars,
I can't take it anymore

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