

# We Didn't Start the Fire

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Harry Truman, Doris Day, Red China, Johnnie 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  
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, Krushchev  
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, Charle de Gaulle, California baseball  
Starkweather, homicide, children of thalidomide, Buddy Holly, "Ben Hur", space monkey, Mafia  
Hula hoops, Castro, Edsel is a no-go  
U-2, Syngman Rhee, payola and Kennedy  
Chubby Checker, "Psycho", Belgians in the Congo  
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Hemingway, Eichmann, "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  
JFK, blown away, what else do I have to say  
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We didn't start the fire  
No we didn't light it but we tried to fight it  
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  
We didn't start the fire  
It was always burning since the world's been turning  
We didn't start the fire  
But when we are gone  
Will it still burn on, and on, and on, and on...  
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  
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

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