

American Pie (chorus)

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Don McLean (1971)

140 bpm

The image shows a guitar score for the chorus of 'American Pie'. It consists of three systems of music. The first system shows a strum pattern on a treble clef staff, with six guitar chord diagrams above it: G, C, G, D, G, and C. The second system shows a strum pattern on a treble clef staff, with nine guitar chord diagrams above it: G, D, G, C, G, D, Em, A, and Em. The third system shows a strum pattern on a treble clef staff, with two guitar chord diagrams above it: D and D. The score is labeled 'acoustic gtr' on the left.

- 1 This is a rhythm score indicating the strum pattern.
- 2 This is an 'open' strum style and can be varied.
- 3 Most important thing is maintaining a strong rhythm.
- 4 Try to emphasize the first beat in every bar.
- 5 Download the tune and practice along with the track.
- 6 Practice 'hopping' exercise to speed up chord moves.