

Only the Good Die Young

Billy Joel

[Intro]

C D Em D G C D G
C D Em D G C G

[Verse 1]

C D Em
Come out Virginia, don't let me wait
C D G
You Catholic girls start much too late
C D Em
Aw, but sooner or later it comes down to fate
C D/F#
I might as well be the one
C D Em
Well, they showed you a statue, told you to pray
C D G
They built you a temple and locked you away
C D Em
But they never told you the price that you pay
C D/F#
For things that you might have done
G C
Only the good die young

[Chorus]

D/F#
That's what I said
G C
Only the good die young
D/F#
Only the good die young

[Verse 2]

G C D Em
You might have heard I run with a dangerous crowd
C D G
We ain't too pretty, we ain't too proud

C **D** **Em**
 We might be laughing a bit too loud
C **D/F#**
 But that never hurt no one
C **D** **Em**
 So come on Virginia, show me a sign
C **D** **G**
 Send up a signal, I'll throw you the line
C **D** **Em**
 The stainedglass curtain you're hiding behind
C **D/F#**
 Never lets in the sun
G **C** **D/F#**
 Darling only the good die young oh

[Chorus]

G **C**
 I tell you only the good die young
D/F#
 Only the good die young

[Interlude]

G **D/F#** **C** **G**
 You got a nice white dress and a party on your confirmation
A7
 You got a brand new soul
C
 And a cross of gold
D/F# **C** **G**
 But Virginia, they didn't give you quite enough information
A7
 You didn't count on me
C **G/B** **D/A** **Em/G**
 When you were counting on your rosary Oh

[Verse 3]

D/F# **C** **D** **Em**
 They say there's a heaven for those who will wait
C **D** **G**
 Some say it's better, but I say it ain't
C **D** **Em**
 I'd rather laugh with the sinners than cry with the saints

C **D/F#**
The sinners are much more fun
G C D/F#
You know that only the good die young oh babe

[Chorus]

G **G C**
I tell you only the good die young
D/F# G
Only the good die young

[Solo Sax]

D/F# C G A7
C

[Interlude]

D/F# C G
Said, your mother told you "All that I could give you was a reputation."
A7
Aw, she never cared for me
C G/B D/A
But did she ever say a prayer for me? oh
Em/G

[Verse 4]

D/F# C D Em
Come out, come out, come out Virginia, don't let me wait
C D G C
You Catholic girls start much too late
D Em
But sooner or later it comes down to fate
C
I might as well be the one
D/F#
G
You know that only the good die young

[Chorus]

C **D/F#**

Tell you babe

G **C**

You know that only the good die young

D/F#

Only the good die young

G

Only the good

[Outro]

G C

D/F# G

Only the good die young

C D/F# G

Oh whoo

[Fade Out]

C D/F# G C

D/F#

G

C

Only the good die young

D/F# G

Only the good die young

C

Oh whoo