

# “Sweet Miss Swiss Pie” - new lyrics for Don McLean’s “American Pie”\*

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## 1 Introduction

The Author USB (claiming for himself the title of a “irre dichter Fürst” [sic!] from date<sup>1</sup>) does PhD research in mathematical Physics/general Relativity by his day and spends most of his nights being an autodidact neo-Shaman and Psychonaut. Therefore, he decided to take the lyrics of one of his favourite songs “American Pie” by Don McLean [1] and turn them into a Hommage to the two men he admires the most: Dr. Albert Hofmann and Dr. Albert Einstein - both having the same given Name, being natural scientists, being Swiss citizens for at least a part of their lifetimes, and both having great knowledge and wisdom. They also share a Love for the divine Beauty of Nature and therefore also both contributed to the benefit of all humankind trough their discoveries. Also, both were involved in peace-keeping activities to some extent, although in the case of Einstein this might not be that obvious due to his role in the creation of the atomic bomb. And even though only one of the two was awarded the Honor of a Nobel price during his lifetime, the other one would have deserved this distinction as well, at least in the humble opinion of the author of theses lines.

Please note that this little rework of Don McLean’s immoral lyrics is still “*Work-in-Progress*”.

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\*A Hommage to Saint Albert, Prof. Dr. Albert Einstein and Don McLean and last but definitely not least also to Prof. Dr. Don Knuth, the godfather of L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X-typesetting.

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<sup>1</sup>This is a pun on the title “Dichturfürst”, which usually refers to Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, creator of dateless pieces of art like “Faust: The First Part of the Tragedy”, “Faust: The Second Part of the Tragedy” and “The Sorcerer’s Apprentice”.

## 2 Original Lyrics “American Pie” by Don McLean

Please see

<http://www.missamericanpie.co.uk/lyrics.html>

or

<http://www.metrolyrics.com/american-pie-lyrics-don-mclean.html>

for the original lyrics of “*Miss American Pie*” by Don McLean,

and

<http://www.metrolyrics.com/american-pie-lyrics-don-mclean.html>

for background information and

<http://www.metrolyrics.com/american-pie-lyrics-don-mclean.html>

for help on interpreting the original Lyrics.

Further see

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/American\\_Pie\\_\(song\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/American_Pie_(song))

for background information on the song.

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### 3 “Sweet Miss Swiss Pie” - new Lyrics by the Author

So here we go...

[Prelude]

A long long time ago  
I can still remember how  
That acid used to make me smile  
And I knew if I had my chance  
That I could make those people dance  
And maybe they'd be happy for a while  
But the Ides of April<sup>2</sup> made me shiver<sup>3</sup>  
With every blotter I'd deliver  
Bad news on the doorstep  
I couldn't take one more micro step  
I can't remember if I cried  
when I read about his widowed bride<sup>4</sup>  
But something touched me deep inside  
The day the acid lied  
So

[Chorus]

Bye, bye sweet Miss Swiss Pie  
Drove my Chevy to the levee but the levee was dry  
Them good ole boys were drinking Eleusis of Rye  
Singin' this'll be the day that I Samadhi  
This'll be the day that I Samadhi

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<sup>2</sup>Latin: Ides: the middle of a month. cf. “The Ides of March”, Caesar and so on...

<sup>3</sup>Obviously, bicycle day is meant: the 19th of April of 1943. The intake of 250 $\mu$ g LSD *did* make Saint Albert shiver!

<sup>4</sup>The author is not quite sure himself about what this line could mean. It could either refer to the daughter of Dr. Timothy Leary, who was arrested due to the possession of a small amount of marijuana which in course also lead to the first imprisonment of Leary himself. It could also refer to the daughter of Robert Anton Wilson, who unfortunately died an untimely violent death.

[Verse]

Did you write the book of love  
And do you have faith in God within' all of us  
If the Vedes tells us so?  
Now do you believe in rock and roll?  
Can music save your mortal soul?  
And can you teach me how to dance real slow?

[...]

Lots of work remains to be done here - the author.

[Last verse]

But not a word was spoken  
The Tryptamines were not broken  
And the two men I admire the most-  
The Alberts<sup>5</sup> and the Holy Ghost  
They caught the last bicycyle for the coast  
The day holy geometry wasn't broke  
And they were singing

[Chorus]

High, high sweet Miss Swiss Pie  
Drove my Chevy to the levee and the levee wasn't dry  
Them good ole boys were drinking Eleusis of Rye  
LSD is never ever going to die!  
Oh no, acid is never ever going to die!

Yes high, high sweet Miss Swiss Pie!  
LSD is never ever going to die!  
Oh no, acid is never ever going to die!!!

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<sup>5</sup>Dr. Albert Hofmann and Dr. Albert Einstein

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