

“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 date¹ does PhD research in mathematical Physics/general Relativity by day and spends most of his nights being an autodidact psychedelic Chemist, 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 psychedelic rework of Don McLean’s immoral lyrics is still “*Work-in-Progress*”.

*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^AT_EX-typesetting.

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¹This 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”. Cf. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Johann_Wolfgang_von_Goethe (last retrieved on the 8th of February 2014).

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 “*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 psychedelic 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 April² made me shiver³
With every blotter I'd deliver⁴
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 bride⁵
But something touched me deep inside
The day the acid lied⁶
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

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

³Obviously, bicycle day is meant: the 19th of April of 1943. The intake of 250 μ g LSD tartrate *did* make Saint Albert shiver!

⁴Please note that the “lyrical self” singing is not myself - I do not deliver blotters or any other form of illegalized or grey-marked drugs! -the author

⁵The 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.

⁶Also a pun on the German word “Lied” for “song”.

[Verse]

Did you write the book of love
And do you have faith in God within all of us⁷
If the Vedes tell us so?
Now do you believe in Drum'n'Bass
Can Acid save your mortal ass
And can you teach me how to dance real ace?

Now I know that you're in Love with 'cid
Cause I saw you dancing to the vid⁸
You both kicked off your shoes
Man, I dig those rhythm and blues⁹
I was a lonely teenage broncin' buck
With a pink carnation and a pickup truck
But I knew I was out of luck
The day the acid lied
I started singin'

[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

[...]

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

⁷Cf. the Etymology of the word "*Entheogen*" - see
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Entheogen> (last retrieved on the 8th February 2014).

⁸The music video of "Divine Moments Of Truth" by Shpongles is meant, see
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8qt2WbfotkU> (last retrieved on the 7th February 2014).

⁹Please help me out with some new verses 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 Alberts¹⁰ 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 isn't dry
Them good ole boys are 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!!!

¹⁰Dr. Albert Hofmann and Dr. Albert Einstein

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