

ONLY THE GOOD DIE YOUNG

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Moderately Fast

mf

F C Am F
 Fast shuffle (♩ = ♩♩♩) G bass

Come out Vir-gin-ia don't let me wait— You Cath- o - lic girls— start
 Showed you a sta-tue told you to pray— They built you a tem-ple and

G C F

much too late— Ah but soon- er or lat - er it
 locked you a - way— Ah but they nev - er told— you the

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C



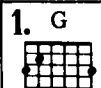
Am



F

G bass

comes down to fate _____ I might as well be the one _____
 price that you pay _____ The things that you might _____ have done _____



1. G



2. G

Well they _____ for on - ly the good _____ die



C



F



G



C

young _____ that's what I said _____ On - ly the good _____



F



G



C

die young _____ On - ly the good die young _____ You might have

F C Am F

G bass

heard I run with a dan-ger-ous crowd We ain't too pret-ty we
say there's a hea-ven for those who will wait Some say it's bet-ter but

G C F

ain't too it proud I'd rath-er might be the laugh-ing a
I say ain't I'd rath-er laugh with the sin-ners than

G Am F

bit too loud but that nev-er hurt no-one
cry with the saints The sin-ners are much more fun

To Coda

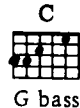
G F C

G bass

So come on Vir-gin - ia show me a sign



Send up a sig - nal I'll throw you a line — that



stained glass cur - tain you're hid - ing be - hind —



nev - er lets in the sun — Dar - lin' On - ly the good — die



young — woh —

C  

On - ly the good — die young — On - ly the

G  C  G 

good die young — You got a 1) nice white dress and a
2) *INSTRUMENTAL* -----

F  C 

par- ty on your con - fir - ma - tion — You've got a

D  F 

brand new soul — and a cross of gold —



G



Musical staff with treble clef and notes for the first system.

It's a pit - y they did - n't give you
----- Said your moth - er told you all I could

Musical staff with piano accompaniment for the first system.

F



C



Musical staff with treble clef and notes for the second system.

quite e - nough in - for - ma - tion
give you was a rep - u - ta - tion

Musical staff with piano accompaniment for the second system.

D



Musical staff with treble clef and notes for the third system.

you did - n't count on me
She nev - er cared for me

Musical staff with piano accompaniment for the third system.

G



D. S. $\frac{3}{4}$ al \oplus
2nd time D. S. S. S. $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ al \oplus
take 2nd ending fade out on Coda

F



Musical staff with treble clef and notes for the fourth system.

when you were counting on your ro - sa - ry oh oh oh And they
But did she ev - er say a pray'r for me (2nd time) Come out

Musical staff with piano accompaniment for the fourth system.

Coda



you know that on - ly the good — die



young — that's what I say



On - ly the good — die young — On - ly the



D. S. S. $\frac{3}{4}$

good die young —