

LUTHERAN GUY (A parody of American Pie by Don McLean)

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VERSE 1 (Piano only...slow tempo)

G D Em7
A long, long time ago
Am C
We must all remember
Em D
How the Reformation got its start
G D Em7
A boy to Hans and Margaret born
Am C
Was baptized on the following morn
Em C D
The child of the Luthers was named Mart
Em Am
Young Martin Luther got the call
Em Am
When a lightning bolt caused him to fall
C G Am
He sold his books for law school
C D
And took up studying God's rule
G D Em
He entered the monastic life
AM7 D
In the peaceful Erfort countryside
G D Em
And something touched him deep inside
C D7 G
The day he took those vows

REFRAIN 1 (Add acoustic guitar)

G C G D
So my, my this here Lutheran guy
G C
May be famous, but he's dangerous
G D
And a thorn in our side
G C G D
Them good old boys at the Vatican cried,

Em A7
Saying, "Just recant or you will be tried"
Em D7
He said, "Here I stand, I won't be denied"

VERSE 2 (full band in...pick up tempo)

G Am
He started on his quest with love
C Am
And the utmost faith in God above
Em D
He let the Bible be his guide
G D Em
But he stood up to the monks who told
Am7 C
That works could save your mortal soul
Em A7 D
And tried to teach, "By grace we're justified"
Em D
Well he said John Tetzel was a crook
Em D
'cause of the indulgences he took
C G A7
Then late one Halloween night
C D7
He gave the Vatican a fright
G D Em
He nailed his Ninety-Five Theses to the door
Am C
Never meant to start a holy war
G D Em
But this is what he was called for
C D7 G C G D7
The day he took those vows

REFRAIN 1

VERSE 3

G Am
Archbishop Albert with the Pope
C Am
And Cardinal Cajetan all spoke
Em D
'bout Martin Luther's heresy

So they called him back to Rome to see
 If a Diet of Worms could ever be
 Enough to make him stop his blasphemy
 He was ex-communicated then
 By a jury of his former friends
 The courtroom was adjourned
 The verdict was returned
 And while Martin left that day from Rome
 To Castle Wartburg, his new home
 He recalled the fervor he had known
 The day he took those vows

REFRAIN 1

VERSE 4 (VERSE 6 in the original song) (Piano only...slow tempo)

He met a girl who'd been a nun
 And escaped the convent on the run
 Katharina Bora was her name
 In Wittenberg as man and wife
 Mart 'n' Katy started their new life
 And pretty soon six new Lutherans came along
 Now the printing press was all the rage
 And Martin's words were on each page
 The Word was also spoken
 For the rules had all been broken

G D Em
And the three that he admired the most
Am7 C D7
The Father, Son and the Holy Ghost
G D Em
Were praised with an angelic host
Am7 D7 G
The day he took those vows

REFRAIN 1

REFRAIN 2

G C G D
And they were singing, My, my this here Lutheran guy
G C
May be famous, but he's dangerous
G D
And a thorn in our side
G C G D
Them good old boys at the Vatican cried,
C D G C G
He said, "Here I stand, I won't be denied"