

**C Est La Vie**  
**Chuck Berry**

C EST LA VIE (YOU NEVER CAN TELL)  
Words & Music by Chuck Berry  
<https://youtu.be/RoDPPgWbfXY>

[Intro]

E	-----14--13-----12--10-----12--12--12-----
B	-----14--14--14-----
G	---13--14-----13--12-----14--14--14-----
D	-----14--14--14-----
A	-----12--12--12-----
E	-----

[Verse 1]

**D**  
It was a teen-aged wedding  
**D**  
And the old folks wished them well  
**D**  
You could see that Pierre did  
**A**  
Truly love the mademoiselle  
**A**  
And now the young Monsieur and Madame  
**A**  
Have rung the chapel bell

[Refrain]

**A**  
C est La Vie say the old folks  
**D**  
It goes to show you never can tell

[Verse 2]

**D**  
They furnished off an apartment  
**D**  
With a 2 room Roebuck sale  
**D**  
The coolerator was crammed  
**A**  
With TV dinners and Ginger Ale

**A**

But when Pierre found work

**A**

The little money come in, worked out well

[Refrain]

**A**

C est La Vie say the old folks

**D**

It goes to show you never can tell

[Solo]

[Verse 3]

**D**

They had a hi-fi phono

**D**

Boy, did they let it blast

**D**

700 little records

**A**

All rock, rhythm and jazz

**A**

But when the sun went down

**A**

The rapid tempo of the music fell

[Refrain]

**A**

C est La Vie say the old folks

**D**

It goes to show you never can tell

[Verse 4]

**D**

They bought a souped up jitney

**D**

Was cherry red fifty-three

**D**

Drove it down to New Orleans

**A**

To celebrate their anniversary

**A**

It was there where Pierre was wedded

**A**

To the lovely mademoiselle

[Refrain]

**A**

C est La Vie say the old folks

**D**

It goes to show you never can tell

[Instrumental]

[Verse 5]

**D**

They had a teen-aged wedding

**D**

And the old folks wished them well

**D**

You could see that Pierre did

**A**

Truly love the mademoiselle

**A**

And now the young Monsieur and Madame

**A**

Have rung the chapel bell

[Outro]

**A**

C est La Vie say the old folks

**D**

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