

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

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

[Intro]

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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|-----|
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[Verse 1]

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

[Refrain]

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

[Verse 2]

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

**B**

But when Pierre found work

**B**

The little money come in, worked out well

[Refrain]

**B**

C est La Vie say the old folks

**E**

It goes to show you never can tell

[Solo]

[Verse 3]

**E**

They had a hi-fi phono

**E**

Boy, did they let it blast

**E**

700 little records

**B**

All rock, rhythm and jazz

**B**

But when the sun went down

**B**

The rapid tempo of the music fell

[Refrain]

**B**

C est La Vie say the old folks

**E**

It goes to show you never can tell

[Verse 4]

**E**

They bought a souped up jitney

**E**

Was cherry red fifty-three

**E**

Drove it down to New Orleans

**B**

To celebrate their anniversary

**B**

It was there where Pierre was wedded

**B**

To the lovely mademoiselle

[Refrain]

**B**

C est La Vie say the old folks

**E**

It goes to show you never can tell

[Instrumental]

[Verse 5]

**E**

They had a teen-aged wedding

**E**

And the old folks wished them well

**E**

You could see that Pierre did

**B**

Truly love the mademoiselle

**B**

And now the young Monsieur and Madame

**B**

Have rung the chapel bell

[Outro]

**B**

C est La Vie say the old folks

**E**

It goes to show you never can tell