

Piano Man

Billy Joel

(wu) = bass walk-up from G to C

(wd) = bass walk-down from C to Am

/ C - - / Em/B - - / Am - - / C/G - - /
/ F - - / C/E - - / D7 - - / G (wu) - - /
/ C - - / Em/B - - / Am - - / C/G - - /
/ F - - / G - - / C - - / F - - / Gsus4 - - / F(wd) /
/ C - - / F - - / Gsus4 - - / F(wd) /

C Em/B Am C/G

It's nine o'clock on a Saturday

F C/E D7 G(wu)

The regular crowd shuffles in

C Em/B Am C/G

There's an old man sitting next to me

F G C (x2)

Makin' love to his tonic and gin

/ C - - / Em/B - - / Am - - / C/G - - /
/ F - - / G - - / C - - / - - - / F/C - - / - - - /

C Em/B Am C/G

He says, "Son, can you play me a memory

F C/E D7 G(wu)

I'm not really sure how it goes

C Em/B Am C/G

But it's sad and it's sweet and I knew it complete

F G C C(wd)

When I wore a younger man's clothes"

Am Am/G D7/F# F

La la la, de de da

Am Am/G D7/F# (x2) G G/F C/E G7/D

La la, de de da da dum

Chorus:

C Em/B Am C/G

Sing us a song, you're the piano man

F C/E D7 G(wu)
 Sing us a song tonight
C Em/B Am C/G
 Well, we're all in the mood for a melody
F G C (x2)
 And you've got us feelin' alright

/ C - - / Em/B - - / Am - - / C/G - - /
/ F - - / G - - / C - - / - - - / F/C - - / - - - /
C Em/B Am C/G

Now John at the bar is a friend of mine
F C/E D7 G(wu)
 He gets me my drinks for free
C Em/B Am C/G
 And he's quick with a joke or to light up your smoke
F G C (x2) F/C (x2)
 But there's someplace that he'd rather be
C Em/B Am C/G
 He says, "Bill, I believe this is killing me."
F C/E D7 G(wu)
 As the smile ran away from his face
C Em/B Am C/G
 "Well I'm sure that I could be a movie star
F G C C(wd)
 If I could get out of this place"

Am Am/G D7/F# F
 La la la, de de da
Am Am/G D7/F# (x2) G G/F C/E G7/D
 La la, de de da da dum

C Em/B Am C/G
 Now Paul is a real estate novelist
F C/E D7 G(wu)
 Who never had time for a wife
C Em/B Am C/G
 And he's talkin' with Davy, who's still in the navy
F G C (x2)
 And probably will be for life

/ C - - / Em/B - - / Am - - / C/G - - /
/ F - - / G - - / C - - / - - - / F/C - - / - - - /

C Em/B Am C/G
 And the waitress is practicing politics
F C/E D7 G(wu)
 As the businessmen slowly get stoned
C Em/B Am C/G
 Yes, they're sharing a drink they call loneliness
F G C (x2)
 But it's better than drinkin' alone

Instrumental:

Am Am/G D7/F# F
Am Am/G D7/F# F
Am Am/G D7/F# (x2) G G/F C/E G7/D

Chorus

/ C - - / Em/B - - / Am - - / C/G - - /
 / F - - / G - - / C - - / F - - / Gsus4 - - / F(wd) /
 / C - - / F - - / Gsus4 - - / F(wd) /

C Em/B Am C/G
 It's a pretty good crowd for a Saturday
F C/E D7 G(wu)
 And the manager gives me a smile
C Em/B Am C/G
 'Cause he knows that it's me they've been comin' to see
F G C (x2) F/C (x2)
 To forget about life for a while

C Em/B Am C/G
 And the piano, it sounds like a carnival
F C/E D7 G(wu)
 And the microphone smells like a beer
C Em/B Am C/G
 And they sit at the bar and put bread in my jar
F G C (x2)
 And say, "Man, what are you doin' here?"

Am Am/G D7/F# F

La la la, de de da

Am Am/G D7/F# (x2) G G/F C/E G7/D

La la, de de da da dum

Chorus

/ C - - / Em/B - - / Am - - / C/G - - /

/ F - - / G - - / C - - / F - - / Gsus4 - - / F(wd) /

/ C - - / F - - / Gsus4 - - / F(wd) / C (hold)