

# Piano Man

by Billy Joel (1973)

*C Em/B Am C/G*  
It's nine o'clock on a Saturday  
*F C/E D7 G*  
The regular crowd shuffles in  
*C Em/B Am C/G*  
There's an old man sitting next to me  
*F G11 C F/C Cma7 G11*  
Makin' love to his tonic and gin

*C Em/B Am C/G*  
He says, "Son, can you play me a memory  
*F C/E D7 G*  
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*  
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# D7 G G/F C/E G7/D*  
La la, de de da da dum

*C Em/B Am C/G*  
Sing us a song, you're the piano man  
*F C/E D7 G*  
Sing us a song tonight  
*C Em/B Am C/G*  
Well, we're all in the mood for a melody  
*F G11 C F/C Cma7 G11*  
And you've got us feelin' all right

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

Now Paul is a real estate novelist  
Who never had time for a wife  
And he's talkin' with Davy, who's still in the navy  
And probably will be for life  
And the waitress is practicing politics

As the businessmen slowly get stoned  
Yes, they're sharing a drink they call loneliness  
But it's better than drinkin' alone

It's a pretty good crowd for a Saturday  
And the manager gives me a smile  
'Cause he knows that it's me they've been comin' to see  
To forget about life for a while  
And the piano, it sounds like a carnival  
And the microphone smells like a beer  
And they sit at the bar and put bread in my jar  
And say, "Man, what are you doin' here?"