

Piano Man

Billy Joel

<6-bar intro>

It's nine o'clock on a Saturday
The regular crowd shuffles in
There's an old man sitting next to me
Makin' love to his tonic and gin

<1-2-3-4, 1-2-3-4, 1-2>

He says, "Son, can you play me a memory
I'm not really sure how it goes
But it's sad and it's sweet and I knew it complete
When I wore a younger man's clothes".

La la la, di-da da
La la, di-da — da — da — dum

<-2-3-4>

Sing us a song, you're the piano man
Sing us a song tonight
Well, we're all in the mood for a melody
And you've got us feelin' alright.

<1-2-3-4, 1-2-3-4, 1-2, 1-2-3-4>

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 he'll light up your smoke
But there's someplace that he'd rather be

<1-2-3-4>

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".

Oh, la la la, di-da da
La la, di-da — da — da — dum

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

<1-2-3-4, 1-2-3-4, 1-2>

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

<4-bar instrumental>

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<1-2-3-4, 1-2-3-4, 1-2>

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

<1-2-3-4>

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?"

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<8-bar instrumental outro>