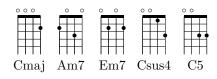
It's nine o'clock on a Saturday
The regular crowd shuffles in
There's an old man sitting next to me
Making love to his tonic and gin
/ C Cmai7 Am Am7 / F Em7 D7 G / 1st / F G C Csus4 /



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

La la-la di-di da La-la di-di da, da dum / Am Am7 D F / Am Am7 D G F Em Dm /

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 feeling all right

Now John at the bar is a friend of mine He gets me my drinks for free And he's a 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" ... (interlude)

Now Paul is a real estate novelist Who never had time for a wife And he's talking with Davey, 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 drinking alone ... (chorus)

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 coming to see To forget about life for awhile

And the piano 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 doing here" . . .

Interlude, Chorus