Downeaster Alexa Billy Joel

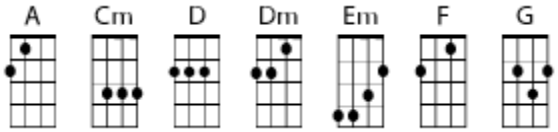
C G Am Am C G F F
Well, I'm on the downeaster "Alexa" and I'm cruisin' through Block Island Sound
F C Dm Dm C G F F
I have charted a course to the Vineyard but tonight I am Nantucket bound
F G C F
We took on diesel back in Montauk yesterday
F G Am G
Left this morning from the bell in Gardiner's Bay
F G C F
Like all the locals here I've had to sell my home
F G Am G
Too proud to leave I work my fingers to the bone

C G Am Am C G F F
So I could own my downeaster "Alexa" and I go where the ocean is deep
F C Dm Dm C G F F
There are giants out there in the canyons and a good captain can't fall asleep

F G C F
I got bills to pay and children who need clothes
F G Am G
I know there's fish out there but where God only knows
F G C F
They say these waters aren't what they used to be
F G Am G
But I got people back on land who count on me

C G Am Am C G F F
So if you see my downeaster "Alexa" and if you work with the rod and the reel
F C Dm Dm C G F F
Tell my wife I am trolling Atlantis and I still have my hands on the wheel

Am Em G Am Em G D Em Am Em G Am Yay-o Yay-o Yay-o Yay-yay-o	In this interlude play each chord twice (8 counts)

C G Am Am C G F F
Now I drive my downeaster "Alexa" more and more miles from shore every year
F C Dm Dm C G F F
Since they told me I can't sell no stripers and there's no luck in swordfishing here
F G C F
I was a bayman like my father was before
F G Am G
Can't make a living as a bayman anymore
F G C F
There ain't much future for a man who works the sea
F G Am G
But there ain't no island left for islanders like me

C G Am Am
Ya ya yaa-aa oh ***<4 times>***