

Downeaster Alexa (G) Billy Joel

G D Em Em G D C C
Well, I'm on the downeaster "Alexa" and I'm cruisin' through Block Island Sound
C G Am Am G D C C

I have charted a course to the Vineyard but tonight I am Nantucket bound

C D G C
We took on diesel back in Montauk yesterday
C D Em D
Left this morning from the bell in Gardiner's Bay
C D G C
Like all the locals here I've had to sell my home
C D Em D
Too proud to leave I work my fingers to the bone

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

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

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

Em Bm D Em Bm D A Bm Em Bm D Em
Yay-o Yay-o Yay-o Yay-yay-o

In this interlude play each chord twice (8 counts)

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

G D Em Em
Ya ya yaa-aa oh <4 times>

