

PIANO MAN

Moderately

Words and Music by
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C
2

F/C
2

Cmaj7

mf

2
5

1
5

With pedal

F C/E G C Em/B Am₄

1. It's nine o'clock on a Sat - ur - day,
 2.-4. See additional lyrics

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C/G F C/E D7

the reg - u - lar crowd shuf - fles — in.

There's an old man sit - ting next to me

5 3 4 5

2 C/G F G7sus C

1 4 1

mak - in' love to his ton - ic and gin.

5 5 3 5

F/C Cmaj7 G7 C

He says, "Son, can you

1 5 1 5 2

Em/B Am C/G F

4

play me a mem - o - ry? I'm not real - ly

C/E D G7 C

sure how it goes, but it's sad and it's

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Em/B Am C/G F

sweet and I knew it com - plete when I wore a

G7sus C Chorus: Am

young - er man's clothes." Da da

Am/G D7/F# F Am

da de de da da

Am/G D7/F# D G

da de de da da da.

4

G/F C/E G7/D C

Sing us a

Em/B Am C/G F

song, you're the pia - no man. Sing us a

C/E D G C

song to - night. Well, we're all in the

Em/B Am C/G F

mood for a mel - o - dy, and you've got us

G7sus C F/C Cmaj7

feel - in' al - right.

1.2.3. 4.

G7 G7 C F/C

2. Now
3. Now
4. It's a

Cmaj7 G7sus C

2. Now
3. Now
4. It's a

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Additional Lyrics

Red.

2. 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 a 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."
Chorus

3. 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.
Chorus

4. 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 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?"
Chorus