

# **Powderfinger**

**(Neil Young)**

Time Signature: 4/4

Chords: Am, C, Em, F, Fm, G

Tempo: 80 - 100 BPM

## [INTRO]

C

## [VERSE 1]

C

Fm

Look out, Mama, there's a white boat

C

comin' down the river

F

With a big red beacon, and a flag,

C

and a man on the rail

F

I think you'd better call John,

Fm

'Cause it don't look like they're here

C

F

to deliver, the mail

Em

Am

And it's less than a mile away

Em

F

I hope they didn't come to stay

Em

Am

It's got numbers on the side and a gun

G

And it's makin' big waves.

## [BRIDGE]

C Fm C

## [VERSE 2]

C

Fm

Daddy's gone, my brother's out hunting

C

in the mountains

F

Big John's been drinking

C

since the river took Emmy-Lou

F

Am

So the powers that be left me here

C

to do all the thinkin'

Em C  
And I just turned twenty-two  
Em Fm  
I was wonderin' what to do  
Em  
And the closer they came,  
Am G  
The more those feelings grew.

**[BRIDGE]**

C Fm C

**[VERSE 3]**

C Fm C  
Daddy's rifle in my hand felt reassurin'  
F  
He told me, Red means run, son,  
C  
numbers add up to nothin'  
F  
But when the first shot  
Am C  
hit the docks I saw it comin'  
Em Am  
Raised my rifle to my eye  
Em F  
Never stopped to wonder why.  
Em  
Then I saw black,  
Am G  
And my face splashed in the sky.

**[BRIDGE]**

C Fm C

**[VERSE 4]**

C Fm C  
Shelter me from the powder and the finger  
F Am  
Cover me with the thought  
C  
that pulled the trigger  
F Am C  
Think of me as one you'd never figured

Em Am  
Would fade away so young  
Em F  
With so much left undone  
Em Am  
Remember me to my love,  
G  
I know I'll miss her.

**[OUTRO]**

C F C