Piano Man

It's nine o'clock on a Saturday, the regular crowd shuffles in There's an old man sitting next to me makin' love to his tonic and gin

He says, "Son, can you play me a memory I'm not really sure how it goes But it's sad and it's 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

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 feelin' alright

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 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"

Oh, la la la, di di da La la, di di da da dum

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

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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, it 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?"

Oh, la la la, di di da La la, di di da da dum

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