

Allentown
Billy Joel

C D G 3x

Well we re living here in Allentown
And they re closing all the factories down
Out in Bethlehem they re killing time
Filling out forms - Standing in line
Well our fathers fought the Second World War
Spent their weekends on the Jersey Shore
Met our mothers in the USO
Asked them to dance, Danced with them slow
And we re living here in Allentown

But the restlessness was handed down
And it s getting very hard to stay

C D G ? C D G

Well we re waiting here in Allentown
For the Pennsylvania we never found
For the promises our teachers gave
If we worked hard , If we behaved
So the graduations hang on the wall
But they never really helped us at all
No they never taught us what was real
Iron and coke - And chromium steel

And we re waiting here in Allentown

But they ve taken all the coal from the ground
Em C G D Em D
And the union people crawled away

C D G

F G A#
Every child had a pretty good shot
F G A#
To get at least as far as their old man got
F G A#
But something happened on the way to that

Place

F G A#
They threw an American flag in our face

C D G

G Em D
Well I m living here in Allentown
C D G
And it s hard to keep a good man down
Em C G D Em D
But I won t be getting up today - ay - ay

C D G

SOLO> **F G A#** (4x)

Em C G D Em D
And it s getting very hard to stay
C D G
And we re living here in Allentown