

An Innocent Man
Billy Joel

Studio Version, for live version drop down a full step.

[Verse 1]

C

Some people stay far away from the door

Dm

If there s a chance of it opening up

F

G

They hear a voice in the hall outside

C

And hope that it just passes by

C

Some people live with the fear of a touch

Dm

And the anger of having been a fool

F

G

They will not listen to anyone

C

So nobody tells them a lie

[Refrain]

Bb

C/F

I know you re only protecting yourself

Bb

F

I know you re thinking of somebody else

G

Someone who hurt you

[Verse 2]

C

But I m not above making up for the love

Dm

You ve been denying you could ever feel

F

G

I m not above doing anything

C

To restore your faith if I can

C

Some people see through the eyes of the old

Dm

Before they ever get a look at the young

F

G

I m only willing to hear you cry

C

Because I am an innocent man

[Chorus]

F

I am an innocent man

C

Oh yes I am

[Verse 3]

C

Some people say they will never believe

Dm

Another promise they hear in the dark

F

G

Because they only remember too well

C

They heard somebody tell them before

C

Some people sleep all alone every night

Dm

Instead of taking a lover to bed

F

G

Some people find that it s easier to hate

C

Than to wait anymore

[Refrain]

Bb

C

I know you don t want to hear what I say

Bb

C

I know you re gonna keep turning away

G

But I ve been there and if

[Verse 4]

C

I can survive I can keep you alive

Dm

I m not above going through it again

F

G

I m not above being cool for a while

C

If you re cruel to me I ll understand

C

Some people run from a possible fight

Dm

Some people figure they can never win

F

G

And although this is a fight I can lose

C

The accused is an innocent man

[Chorus]

F

I am an innocent man

C

Oh yes I am
An innocent man

[Refrain]

Bb **C**
You know you only hurt yourself out of spite

Bb **F**
I guess you'd rather be a martyr tonight

G
That's your decision

[Verse 5]

C
But I'm not below anybody I know

Dm
If there's a chance of resurrecting a love

F **G**
I'm not above going back to the start

C
To find out where the heartache began

C
Some people hope for a miracle cure

Dm
Some people just accept the world as it is

F **G**
But I'm not willing to lay down and die

C
Because I am an innocent man

[Chorus]

F
I am an innocent man

C
Oh yes I am
An innocent man