

James  
Billy Joel

**Dm7** **Gm7** **C**  
James... we were always friends,  
**F** **Cm** **D7**  
From our childhood days  
**Gm7** **C**  
And we made our plans,  
**F** **Dm7** **G** **F/C** **C**  
And we had to go our separate ways.  
**F7/9** **Bb**  
I went on the road  
**E7** **A**  
You pursued an education.

**Dm7** **Gm7** **C**  
James...do you like your life,  
**F** **Cm** **D7**  
Can you find release,  
**Gm7** **C**  
And will you ever change  
**F** **Dm7** **G** **F/C** **C**  
Will you ever write your masterpiece.  
**F7/9** **Bb**  
Are you still in school  
**E7** **A**  
Living up to expectations...

**Dm** **Bbmaj7** **Am7**  
James...  
**Abmaj7** **Gm7**  
You were so relied upon  
**C#9** **Bb** **F** **A**  
everybody knows how hard you tried  
**Dm** **Bbmaj7** **Am7**  
Hey...  
**Ab** **Gm7**  
just look at what a job you ve done  
**C#9** **C** **Asus** **A**  
Carrying the weight of family pride.

**Dm7** **Gm7** **C**  
James... you ve been well behaved,  
**F** **Cm** **D7**  
You ve been working so hard  
**Gm7** **C**  
But will you always stay  
**F** **Dm7** **G** **F/C** **C**  
Someone else s dream of who you are.

**F7/9** **Bb**

Do what s good for you

**E7** **A**

or you re not good for anybody...

James

**Dm7 Gm7 C F C/E**

**Dm7 Gm7 C7 F A7**

**Dm7 F/C C**

**F7/9** **Bb**

I went on the road

**E7** **A**

You pursued an education...

**Dm Bbmaj7 Am7**

James...

**Abmaj7** **Gm7**

How you gonna know for sure

**C#9** **Bb** **F** **A**

everything was so well organized.

**Dm Bbmaj7 Am7**

Hey...

**Ab** **Gm7**

now everything is so secure,

**C#9** **C** **Asus** **A**

and everybody else is satisfied.

**Dm7** **Gm7** **C**

James... do you like your life,

**F** **Cm** **D7**

Can you find release

**Gm7** **C**

And will you ever change,

**F** **Dm7** **G** **F/C C**

When will you write your masterpiece.

**F7/9** **Bb**

Do what s good for you

**E7** **A**

or you re not good for anybody...

James...