

**Miami 2017**  
**Billy Joel**

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Off the album Turnstiles  
Transcribed by Neil Fein

This is how I play this on guitar. If anyone has a better way to play this, please let me know! NeilF\* , because this one s a pain to play. (Sounds nice when you do it right, though...)

Intro (also the fadeout)

Let bass notes ring. The first note s a harmonic because you ll have to slide up a bit. Practice it slow; this has to be perfect to sound good. To perform it I have to rehearse it for several days before the gig or I get rusty.

I use a clean sound with a touch of chorus, just a hint.

Legal, this is what I, Neil Fein, heard on the record.

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-----10-14-15-14-----17- ----12---12-10---12-
-----10-----15-----
--[12]-----14---- --9---9-----9----
-----10-----
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----12-----12-----12- -12-----12-----12----
-----15-----15----- ----15-----15-----15-
-----12-----12---- -----12-----12-----
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-14-----13-----
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This part is more or less the same, but an octave down:

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-----2-3-2-----5- ---0-----0-----0-
-----3-----3----- ----3-----3-----
---2-----2--- ----0-----0---
-0-----
----- -3-----
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-----0-----0----- -0-----
-3-----3-----3--- ---3-1-0-----
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---0-----0-----0- -----2-0-----  
 -----4-2-  
 -2----- -1-----  
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D            G/D            D            G/D D A/C#  
 Seen the lights go out on Broadway  
 Bm           G            A        Asus A G  
 I saw the Empire State laid low  
 D/F#                    G            Gsus G  
 And life went on beyond the Palisades  
                  A            Asus A  
 They all bought Cadillacs  
                  G            A  
 And left there long ago

D            G/D            D            G/D D A/C#  
 They held a concert out in Brooklyn  
 Bm           G            A        Asus A G  
 To watch the island bridges blow  
 D/F#                    G  
 They turned our power down  
 D/A            G/B  
 And drove us underground  
 A/C#            G/B  
 But we went right on with the show

A/D D            G/D D A/D D            A D/A A

(Repeat with same chords)

I seen the lights go out on Broadway  
 I saw the ruins at my feet  
 You know we almost didn't notice it  
 We seen it all the time  
 On Forty-Second street

They burned the churches up in Harlem  
 Like in that Spanish civil war  
 The flames were everywhere  
 But no one really cared  
 It always burned up there before

I seen the lights go out on Broadway  
 I watched the mighty skyline fall  
 The boats were waiting at the battery  
 The union went on strike  
 They never sailed at all

They sent a carrier out from Norfolk  
And picked the Yankees up for free  
They said that Queens could stay  
They blew the Bronx away  
And sank Manhattan out at sea

You know those lights were bright on Broadway  
That was so many years ago  
Before we all lived here in Florida  
Before the Mafia  
Took over Mexico

There are not many who remember  
They say a handful still survive  
To tell the world about  
The way the lights went out  
And keep the memory alive

( alive is on a G/D chord, I play it X55433)

(End with same as intro fingerstyle)