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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-----

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)