

The Downeaster Alexa
Billy Joel

Intro: : **Am** **G** : **Am** : **Am** **G** : **Am** :

C **G** **Am**
Well I m on the Downeaster Alexa
C **G** **F**
And I m cruising through Block Island Sound.
F **C** **Dm**
I have chartered a course to the Vineyard.
C **G** **F C F**
But tonight I am Nantucket bound.

G **C/E** **F**
We took on diesel back in Montauk yesterday,
G **Am** **G/B** **F**
And left this morning from the bell in Gardiner s Bay.
G **C/E** **F**
Like all the locals here I ve had to sell my home,
G **Am** **G/B**
Too proud to leave, I worked my fingers to the bone

So I could own my Downeaster Alexa,
And I go where the ocean is deep.
There are giants out there in the canyons.
And a good captain can t fall asleep.

I got bills to pay and children who need clothes.
I know there s fish out there but where, God only knows.
They say these waters aren t what they used to be.
But I ve got people back on land who count on me.

So when you see my Downeaster Alexa,
And if you work with the rod and the reel,
Tell my wife I am trolling Atlantis,
And I still have my hands on the wheel.

Instrumental Bridge: : **Am** **G** : **Am** : **Am** **G** : **Am** :
: **Em** : : : : :
: **Am** : : : : :

Now I drive my Downeaster Alexa
More and more miles from shore ev ry year,
Since they told me I can t sell no stripers.
And there s no luck in sword fishing here.

I was a bayman like my father was before.
Can t make a living as a bayman anymore.
There ain t much future for a man who works the sea.

But there ain t no island left for islanders like me.

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