

Black Diamond Bay

Bob Dylan

Note: the **Em**, **C**, **G** progression can be played best if you first pick a bass note (listen to album for pitch) then strum the chord. Also **C** can be alternated with **C/G** if you prefer.

Chords used:

Em - 022000

C - X32010

C/G - 302010

G - 320003

D - XX0232

Am - X02210

Am7 - X02010

Verse

Em

Up on the white veranda

C **G**

She wears a neck tie and a panama hat

Em

Her passport shows her face from

C **G**

Another time and place she looks nothing like that

D

And all of the remnants of her

C D C Em G

Recent past are scattered in the wild wind

D

She walks across the marble floor where a

C D C Em G

Voice from the gambling room is calling her to come on in

Em Am

She smiles walks the other way

C D C Em Am C

As the last ship sails and the moon fades away

C Am7 Am G C Am7 Am G

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(Continue as above through remaining verses)

As the morning light breaks open

The Greek walks down and he asks for a rope and a pen that will write

Pardon monsieur the Desk Clerk says

Carefully removes his fez, am I hearing you right

And as the yellow fog is lifting

The Greek is quickly heading for the second floor

She passes him on the spiral staircase

Thinking he s the Soviet ambassador
She starts to speak but he walks away
As the storm clouds rise and the palm branches sway
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A Soldier sits beneath the fan doing
Business with the Tiny Man who sells him a ring
Lightning strikes the lights blow out
The Desk Clerk wakes he begins to shout can you see anything
Then the Greek appears on the second floor in his
Barefeet with a rope around his neck
While the loser in the gambling room
Lights up a candle says open up another deck
But the dealer says attendez-vous sil vous plait
As the rain beats down and the cranes fly away
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The Desk Clerk heard the Woman laugh as he
Looked around in the aftermath and the soldier got tough
He tried to grab the Woman s hand
Said here s a ring it cost a grand she said that ain t enough
Then she ran upstairs to pack her bags while a
Horse-drawn taxi waited at the curb
She passed the door that the Greek had locked where a
Hand-written sign read Do not disturb
She knocked upon it anyway
As the sun went down and the music did play
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I ve got talk to someone quick but the
Greek said go away and kicked the chair to the floor
He hung there from the chandelier she
Cried help there s danger near please open up the door
Then the volcano erupted and the
Lava flowed down from the mountain high above
The Soldier and the Tiny Man were
Crouched in the corner thinking of forbidden love
The Desk Clerk says it happens every day
As the stars fell down and the fields burned away
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As the island slowly sank the
Loser finally broke the bank in the gambling room
The dealer said it s too late now you can
Take your money but I don t know how you ll spend it in the tomb
The Tiny Man bit the Soldier s ear as the
Floor caved in and the boiler in the basement blew
While she s out on the balcony where a
Stranger tells her my darling je vous aime beaucoup
She sheds a tear then begins to pray
As the fire burns on and the smoke drifts away
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I was sitting home alone one night in
LA watching old Cronkite on the seven o'clock news
It seems there was an earthquake there
Left nothing but a panama hat and a pair of old Greek shoes
Didn't seem like much was happening so I
Turned it off and went to grab another beer
Seems like every time you turn around there's
Another hard luck story that you're gonna hear
And there's really nothing anyone can say
And I never did plan to go anyway
To Black Diamond Bay

Instrumental verse