

**Bartenders Blues**  
**James Taylor**

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Capo 1st fret

[Intro]

**E F#m7 E/G#**

**A A7**  
Now I m just a bartender

**D Bm7**  
And I don t like my work

**E A E F#m7 E/G#**  
But I don t mind the money at all

**A A7**  
I see lots of sad faces

**D Bm7**  
And lots of bad cases

**E A E F#m7 E/G#**  
Of folks with their backs to the wall

[Chorus]

**A A7 D Bm7**  
But I need four walls around me to hold my life

**E A E F#m7 E/G#**  
To keep me from going a-stray

**A A7 D Bm7**  
And a honky-tonk angel to hold me tight

**E A E F#m7 E/G#**  
To keep me from slipping away

**A A7**  
I can light up your smokes

**D Bm7**  
I can laugh at your jokes

**E A E F#m7 E/G#**  
I can watch you fall down on your knees

**A A7**  
I can close down this bar

**D Bm7**  
I can gas up my car

**E A E F#m7 E/G#**  
I can pack up and mail in my key

[Chorus]

**A A7**

Now, the smoke fills the air

**D Bm7**

In this honky-tonk bar

**E**

**A E F#m7 E/G#**

And I m thinking bout where I d rather be

**A A7**

But I burned all my bridges

**D Bm7**

I sank all my ships

**E**

**A E F#m7 E/G#**

And I m stranded at the edge of the sea

[Chorus]