

**From California
The New Amsterdams**

This song is piano, but pick these chords and it sounds fine.

G C D Em C

G Uncommon amount of the time at home, **C** hardly a word on the telephone.

D Finally find the time to get to know you. **Em C**

G Still mapping it out like a master plan,

C something to do with my idle hands.

D Write you a letter addressed from California. **Em C**

G C D Em C

G It s vivid and strong in my memory,
C an absence that smacks of abandoning.

D It let to the battle that ultimately destroyed us. **Em C**

G I m nothing if I don t know your mistakes,

C the pill is as bitter as I can take.

D It twists like a blade when I leave for California. **Em C**

G F Em D C B A G
La da la la da da

G I hope that you know this is killing me,

C it s all in the name of the family.

D We only can play the cards the dealer dealt us. **Em C**

G The end of the cycle is closing in, with you I see new hope begin again. **C**

D There suddenly seems to be promise in California. **Em C**

G F Em D C B A G
La da la la da da

G **F**
As heavy as all this is weighing me,
Em **D**
believe in the words I am promising.

C B A G
I m still here for her.

G **F**
The distance is only an obstacle,
Em **D**
hardly a match for a miracle.

C B A G
I m finally ready to go to California.