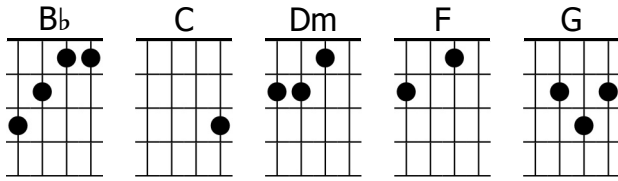


# An Innocent Man

Billy Joel



**C:d-D** **F:u-udu** x4

**C** Some people stay far away from the door  
If there's a **Dm** chance of it opening up  
**1/2 F** They hear a voice in the **G** hall outside  
And hope that it just passes **1/2 C** by

**C** Some people live with the fear of a touch  
And the **Dm** anger of having been a fool  
**1/2 F** They will not listen to **G** anyone  
So nobody tells them a **1/2 C** lie

**1/2 Bb** I know you're only pro **1/2 C** tecting yourself  
**1/2 Bb** I know you're thinking of **1/2 F** somebody else  
**G↓** Someone who hurt you but

**C** I'm not above making up for the love  
You've been de **Dm** nying you could ever feel  
**1/2 F** I'm not above doing **G** anything  
To restore your faith if I **1/2 C** can

**C** Some people see through the eyes of the old  
Before they **Dm** ever get a look at the young  
**1/2 F** I'm only willing to **G** hear you cry  
Because I am an innocent **C:d-D** man **F:u-udu**

**C:d-D** **F:u-udu** x3

I **F** am, an innocent | man  
Oh, yes I **C** am |

**C** Some people say they will never believe  
Another **Dm** promise they hear in the dark  
**1/2F** Because they only re**G**member too well  
They heard somebody tell them be **1/2C**fore  
**C** Some people sleep all alone every night  
Instead of **Dm** taking a lover to bed  
**1/2F** Some people find that it's **G** easier to hate  
Than to wait any **1/2C**more

**1/2Bb** I know you don't want to **1/2C** hear what I say  
**1/2Bb** I know you're gonna keep **1/2C** turning away  
**G↓** But I've been there and if

**C** I can survive I can keep you alive  
I'm not a **Dm**bove goin' through it again  
**1/2F** I'm not above bein' **G** cool for a while  
If you're cruel to me I'll under **1/2C**stand  
**C** Some people run from a possible fight  
Some people **Dm** figure they can never win  
**1/2F** And although this is a **G** fight I can lose  
The accused is an innocent **C:d-D** man **F:u-udu**

**C:d-D** **F:u-udu** x3

I **F** am, an innocent | man  
Oh, yes I **C** am, an innocent | man

**Bb↓** You know you only hurt your **C↓**self out of spite  
**Bb↓** I guess you'd rather be a **F↓** martyr tonight  
**G↓** **nc** That's your decision but

**C** I'm not below anybody I know  
If there's a **Dm** chance of resurrecting a love  
**1/2F** I'm not above going **G** back to the start  
To find out where the heartache be **1/2C**gan  
**C** Some people hope for a miracle cure  
Some people **Dm** just accept the world as it is  
**1/2F** But I'm not willing to **G** lay down and die  
Because I am an innocent **C:d-D** man **F:u-udu**

**C:d-D** **F:u-udu** x3

I **F** am, an innocent | man  
Oh, yes I **C** am, an innocent | man, oh, ho-ho, **G↓** hooo

**C:d-D** **F:u-udu** x4

**C↓**