

For Free (Joni Mitchell)

G **F** **Em**
I slept last night in a good hotel
Am **C** **F** **C**
I went shopping today for jewels
G **F** **Em**
The wind rushed around in the dirty town
Am **C** **F** **C**
And the children let out from the schools
Am **G**
I was standing on a noisy corner
C **G** **F** **Em** **D** **D7**
Waiting for the walking green
G **F** **Em**
Across the street he stood and he played real good
Am **C** **F** **C** **Em** **D** **D7**
On his clarinet for free

G **F** **Em**
Now me I play for fortune
Am **C** **F** **C**
And those velvet curtain calls
G **F** **Em**
I've got a black limousine and two gentlemen
Am **C** **F** **C**
Escorting me to the halls
Am **G**
And I'll play if you have the money
C **G** **F** **Em** **D** **D7**
Or if you're a friend to me
G **F** **Em**
But the one man band by the quick lunch stand
Am **C** **F** **C** **Em** **D** **D7**
He was playing real good for free

G **F** **Em**
Nobody stopped to hear him
Am **C** **F** **C**
Though he played so sweet and high
G **F** **Em**
And they knew he had never been on their T.V.
Am **C** **F** **C**
So they passed his music by
Am **G**
I meant to go over and ask for a song
C **G** **F** **Em** **D** **D7**
Maybe put on a harmony
G **F** **Em**
I heard his refrain as the signal changed
Am **C** **F** **C** **Em**
He was playing real good for free