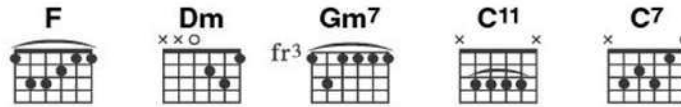


The Piano Has Been Drinking (Not Me)

Words & Music by Tom Waits



Capo first fret

or no capo:

| F# | D#m | G#m7 | C#11 ||

Mash the high black keys drunkenly as needed

Intro

| F | Dm | Gm7 | C11 ||

Verse 1

The pi - ano has been drinking, my necktie is asleep,
 And the combo went back to New York, the jukebox has to take a leak.
 And the carpet needs a haircut,
 And the spotlight looks like a prison break.
 'Cause the telephone's out of cigarettes,
 And the balcony is on the make.
 And the pi - ano has been drinking, the pi - ano has been drinking.

Verse 2

And the menus are all freezing, and the light man's blind in one eye,
 And he can't see out of the other.
 And the pi - ano-tuner's got a hearing aid,
 And he showed up with his mother.
 And the pi - ano has been drinking, the pi - ano has been drinking.

Verse 3

Gm7 **C11** **F** **Dm**
As the bouncer is a Sumo wrestler cream-puff Caspar Milquetoast.
Gm7 **C11** **F** **Dm**
And the owner is a mental midget with the I.Q. of a fence post.
Gm7 **C11** **F** **Dm**
'Cause the pi - ano has been drinking, the pi - ano has been drinking.

Verse 4

Gm7 **C11** **F** **Dm**
And you can't find your waitress with a Geiger counter,
Gm7 **C11**
And she hates you and your friends,
F **Dm**
And you just can't get served with - out her.
Gm7 **C11** **F** **Dm**
And the box-office is drooling, and the bar stools are on fire.
Gm7 **C11** **F** **Dm**
And the newspapers were fooling, and the ash-trays have re - tired.
Gm7 **C11** **F** **Dm**
'Cause the pi - ano has been drinking, the pi - ano has been drinking,
Gm7 **C11** **C7**
The pi - ano has been drink - ing,
F **Dm** **Gm7** **C11** **F**
Not me, not me, not me, not me, not me.