

Sanibel

(My Lost Junonia)

Background: The lyrics were mostly written right after getting back from vacation in Sanibel Island, Florida, a place we've gone several times and love, mostly because of the "shelling". There are many great sea shells to find there, but the rare Junonia is elusive; you need to be lucky, usually after a big storm, and up early in the dark before someone else finds it. We've never found one. **Written:** April 3 - June 6, 2026

Arr.	Key	Time	Tuning	Tempo	Style	Capo
1	G	4/4	Standard	125	Folk	3

Fingerpicked or Arpeggios

Arrangement	1
Intro	Em D Am7 C G5
Verse	G5 D G5 D Am7 C G D
Chorus	Em D Em D C G D Em
Interlude	C(2) Dadd9 G(3) Bm7 C G D
Bridge	C(2) Dadd9 G(3) Bm7 C G D

Chords Used in this Song

Em	D	Am7	C	G(5)	G	Bm7

Variations in the Chords with Hammer-ons and Pull-offs

C (type 2)	Dadd9	G (type 3)

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Intro Em D Am7 C G5

Verse

G5

The shores of Sanibel

D

Wake with the rising sun

G5

The shellers are on the hunt

D

Searchin' for that rarest one

Am7

The Roman goddess Juno

C

She is beauty, strength and grace

G

She lives deep down below

D

And rarely shows her face

Chorus

Em

Oh Sanibel, Sanibel

D

Junonia eludes my hands

Em

Sanibel, Oh Sanibel

D

Down deep in the sands

C

My lost Junonia

G

I hope it's not too late

D

To find you

Em

Before you escape

Verse

G5

South of Captiva Island

D

Past Bowman and Blind Pass

G5

Lightning welks and banded tulips

D

Are known to cross your path

Am7

But Junonia's rare essence

C

Is her legend and mystique

G

A soul so elusive

D

An allure so unique

Chorus

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Interlude C D G Bm7 C G D

Bridge

C(2)

She's an enigma

Dadd9

A fleeting fantasy

G

That old wives' tale told

Bm7

The Old Man and the Sea

C

Her enduring rarity

G

Elegance in scarcity

D

She's out of my grasp

D

I hope I find you

Em

Before this life is past

Chorus

Em

Oh Sanibel, Sanibel

D

Junonia eludes my hands

Em

Sanibel, Oh Sanibel

D

Down deep in the sands

C

My lost Junonia

G

I hope it's not too late

D

To find you

Em

Before you escape

Repeat Chorus

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Chorus

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Down deep in the sands
My lost Junonia
I hope it's not too late
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Verse

South of Captiva Island
Past Bowman and Blind Pass
Lightning welks and banded tulips
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Is her legend and mystique
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Chorus

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Interlude C D G Bm7 C G D

Bridge

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Repeat Chorus

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