Sittin' On The Dock Of The Bay

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G                      B7           C                B          Bb       A
Sittin' in the mornin' sun, I'll be sittin' when the evenin' comes.
G                          B7              C               B       Bb     A
Watchin' the ships roll in. Then, I'll watch 'em roll away a--gain.

CHORUS:
G                          E7
Sittin' on the dock of the bay, watchin' the tide roll away.
G                A       G       E7
Sittin' on the dock of the bay, wastin' time.

I left my home in Georgia, headed for the 'Frisco Bay.
I had nothin' to live for. Looked like nothin' gonna come my way.

CHORUS:

BRIDGE:
G    D    C
Look like nothin's gonna change.
G    D    C
Everything still remains the same.
G    D    C    G
I can't do what ten people tell me to do.
F    D
So, I guess I'll remain the same.

Sittin' here restin' my bones & this loneliness won't leave me alone.
Two thousand miles I roamed, just to make this dock my home.

CHORUS:

[whistling over]  G       E7