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Introduction

The first time I heard Ron Stewart play the banjo was back when he was with the Lynn Morris band. I could hardly believe my ears. No banjo player has had that kind of impact on me since J.D. Crowe. Besides his unique sense of timing and tone, he came across to me as a "band" banjo player. Just like J.D. Crowe did, he was able to sense when he needed to play and when he did not need to play. He was also keenly aware of "what" needed to be played when he was needed. These are the big lessons that a lot of banjo players overlook.

Just a few years later he ended up playing in the band with Crowe as a fiddle player. He was equally adept at playing the fiddle with a sense of tone and taste that he had on the banjo. Crowe was loving it. He had found a fiddle player who was very much indoctrinated in the old Flatt & Scruggs style of bluegrass that Crowe loved so much. J.D. became so inspired by this that he even kicked his own playing up a notch.

After his stint with Crowe, Ron got together with some of the greatest bluegrass musicians on the planet to form the super group, The Boxcars. Ron played some fiddle in this band ,but mostly he was the banjo player. The band's choice of material ranged from Flatt & Scruggs to some modern day songs, many of them penned by members of the band. His ability to adapt to the band once again showed his versatility in being able to know when to play and when not to play.

Ron's solos and backup work with the Boxcars is so in the pocket that to use an old J.D. Crowe quote about Elvis Presley "it made you want to get up and kick the walls". Ron has managed to bridge a gap that most banjo players just fall short of achieving.

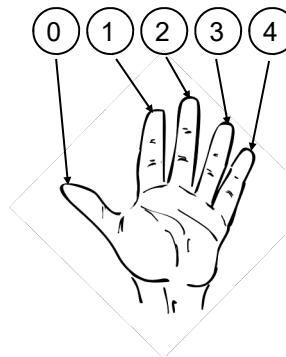
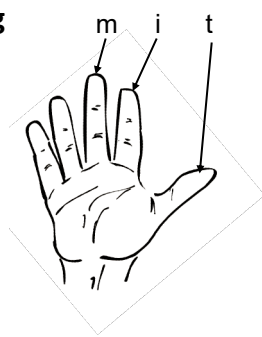
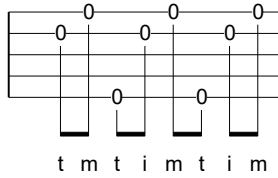
The transcriptions in this book will show you the notes that Ron chose to play on these particular recordings. Listening intently to these recordings will give you something even more important than his note choices. That is where the real magic lies.

Russell Sawler—Transcriber & Ron Stewart fan.

"Most of humanity goes through life never realizing that there is a true magic that lies within the fabric of all that is. Those of us who are fortunate enough to discover it – the dreamers, wanderers, artists, lovers and seekers – never stop looking once it's found." Author Unknown

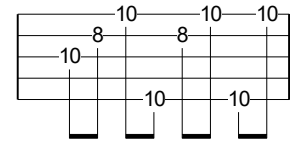
Tablature Symbols

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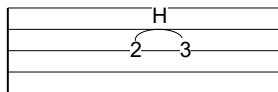


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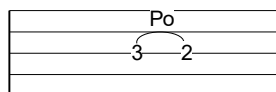
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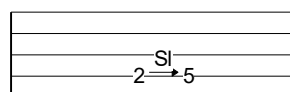
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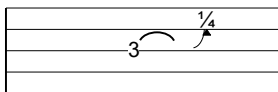
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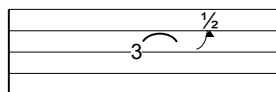
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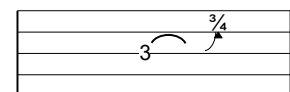
1/4 Choke (Slight Choke)



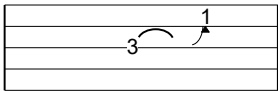
1/2 Choke (The value of 1/2 step or 1 fret)



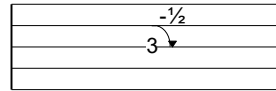
3/4 Choke (Slightly above 1/2 step)



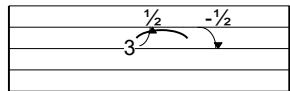
Whole Step Choke (The value of 2 frets)



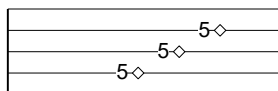
Unchoke



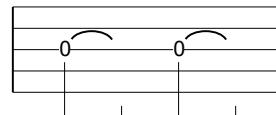
Choke & Release



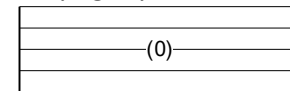
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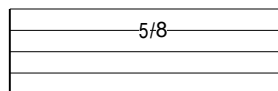
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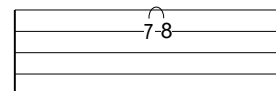
Ghost Note (Played very lightly or not at all)



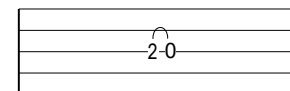
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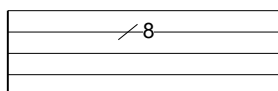
Grace Note Hammer On



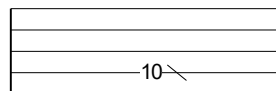
Grace Note Pull Off



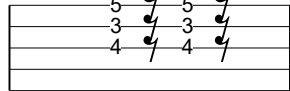
Slide Up (from an arbitrary point)



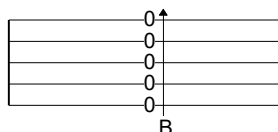
Slide Down (from an arbitrary point)



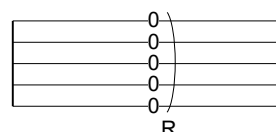
Vamp (cut notes off quickly)



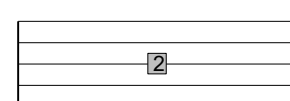
Brush (sweep the strings quickly)



Rake (sweep the strings slowly)



Dead Note



The Picking Hand

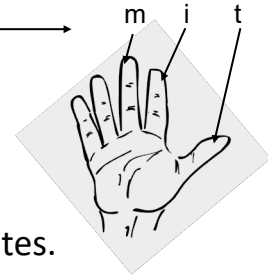
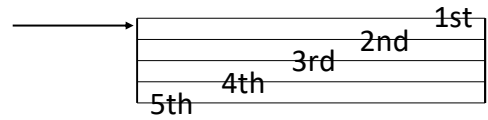
Here are some tips for determining which finger to use when it's not marked in the tablature. In tablature the 5 strings of the banjo are

The picking fingers are represented in the tablature by the first letter of their name

Thumb = t

Index = i

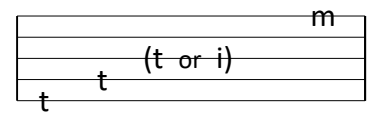
Middle = m



How do I know which finger to use ?

The following discussion will be referring to consecutive eighth notes.

Here are the picking finger assignments:



The 5th string is picked with the thumb

The 4th string is picked with the thumb

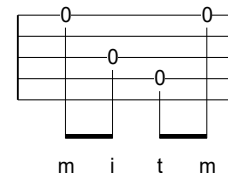
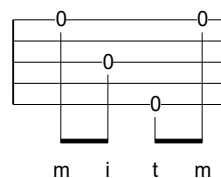
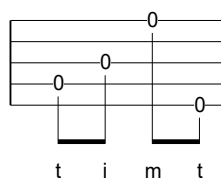
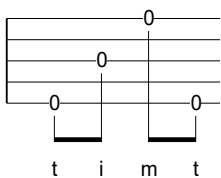
The 2nd string is picked with the index

The 1st string is picked with the middle

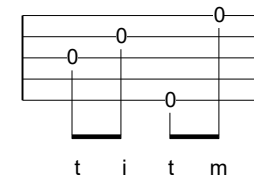
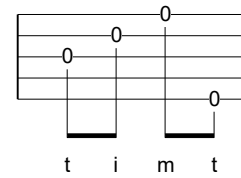
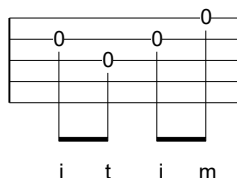
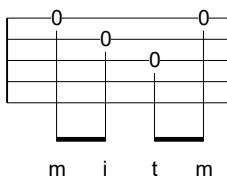
This 3rd string is the wild card, picked by either the thumb or the index, determined by the string played just before or just after.

Here are some guidelines.

If the 5th or 4th string is played just before or just after the 3rd string, the 3rd will be picked with the index finger. Examples below.

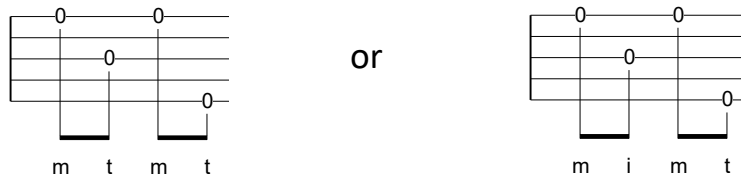


If the 2nd string is picked just before or just after the 3rd string, the 3rd will be picked with the thumb. Examples below.

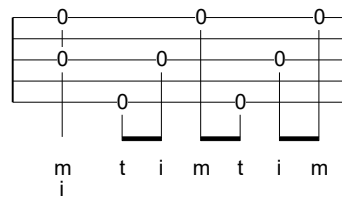


Please note the qualifier **“Unless otherwise noted in the tablature”** In other words, finger assignments will be broken, but when they are, it will be noted in the tablature. Otherwise they are in effect.

If the 1st string is picked before & after the 3rd string, you have a choice of either using the thumb or the index finger on the 3rd string. Most players would choose the thumb, but you should make your choice according to which finger is more comfortable for you.



The 1st string, 3rd string pinch unless otherwise noted will use index on the 3rd string.



Some Other Scenarios

There will be several other scenarios that fall outside the finger assignments, such as playing the same string twice or more in a row, or the middle finger picking the 2nd string, or the index finger picking the 4th string, or the thumb picking the 2nd string. These will be dealt with on an individual basis and marked in the tablature.

The Fretting Hand

As shown in the tab symbols (page 6), the fretting hand fingers are represented by circled numbers above the tab. These are shown in the tabs the way Kristin played them, however the fretting hand fingering can be somewhat subjective and varies from player to player. If you feel you have a more comfortable way than the suggested fingering, then by all means use the fingers that are most comfortable for you to play. (This same advice also applies to the picking hand.)

Notes About The Tablature

On each song you will see the left & right hand fingering included on sections where it is felt to be necessary or helpful. Once it has been included on a section or measure it will generally not be included again if the same section or measure is repeated in the song. Unless otherwise stated the tabs are in standard G-Tuning gDGBD. The chords are entered into each song as if the banjo were uncapoed.

If you have questions about any of the tabs, email music@bluegrassoutlet.com

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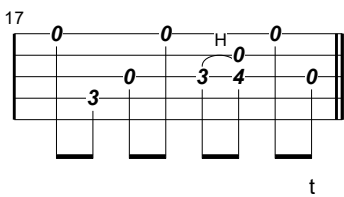
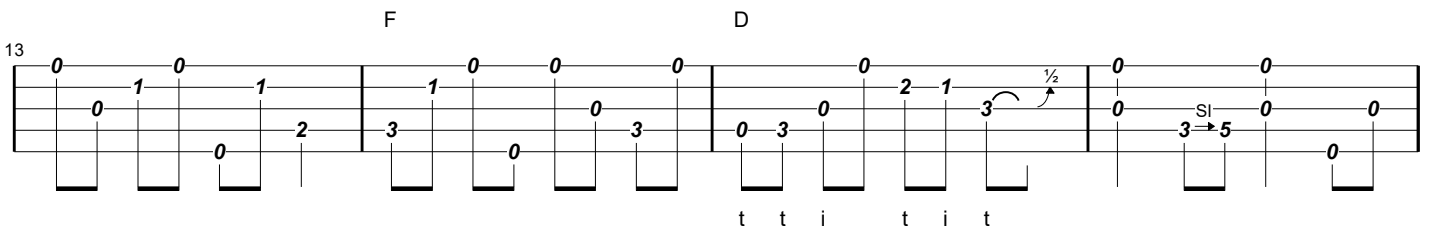
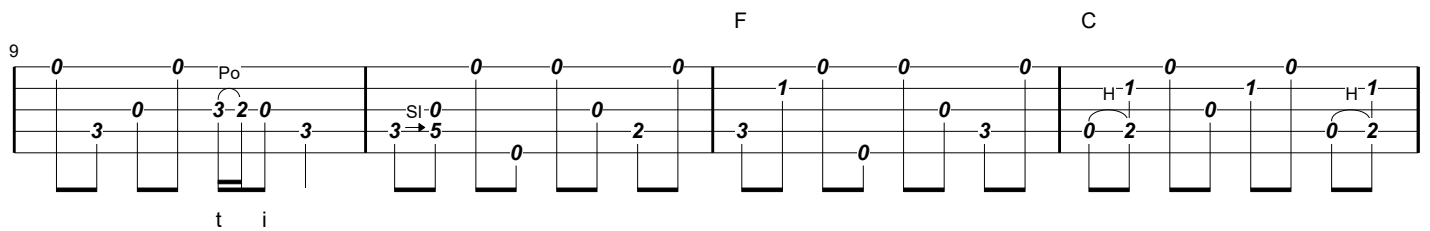
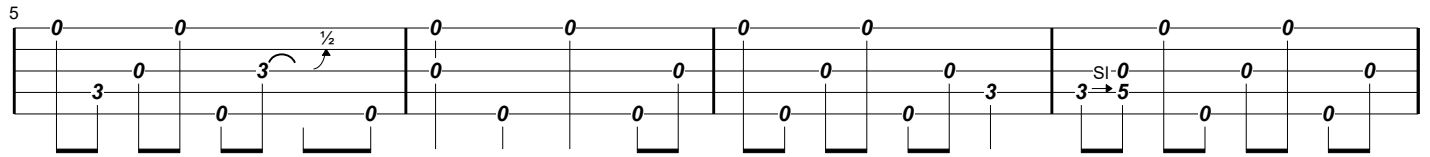
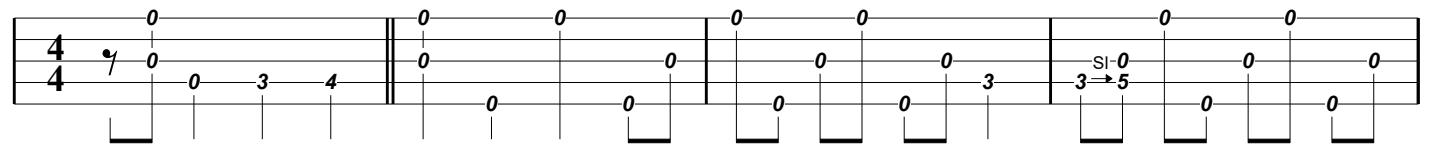
The Boxcars

Capo 4 for B

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Backup for 1st Verse

G



C

C

C

G

C

F

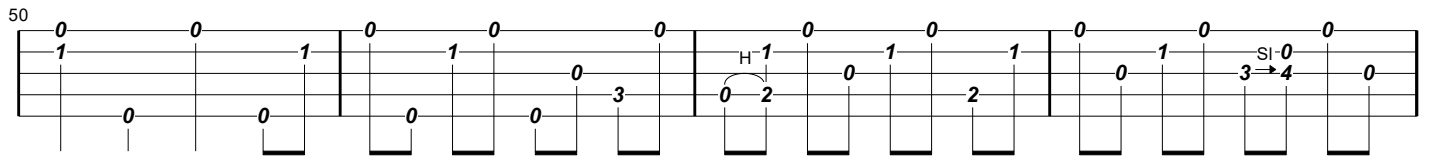
G

F

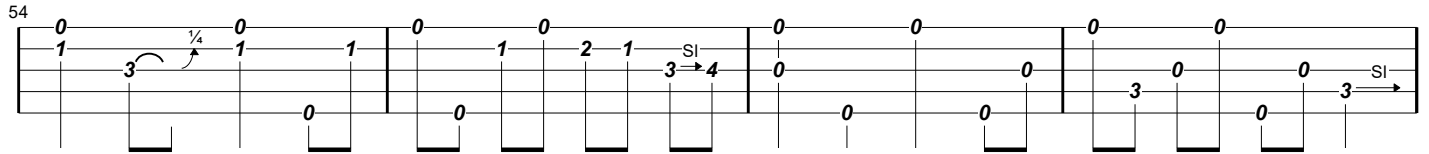
Backup for Fiddle Break

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C



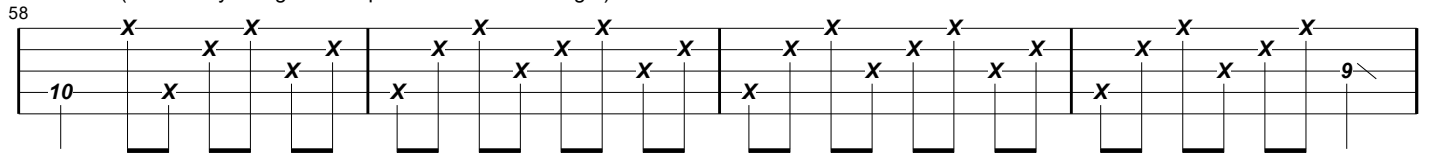
G



Backup for Guitar Break

C

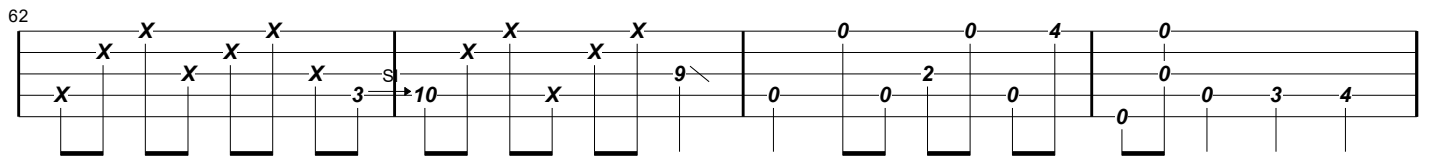
(X = use your right hand palm to mute the strings)



F

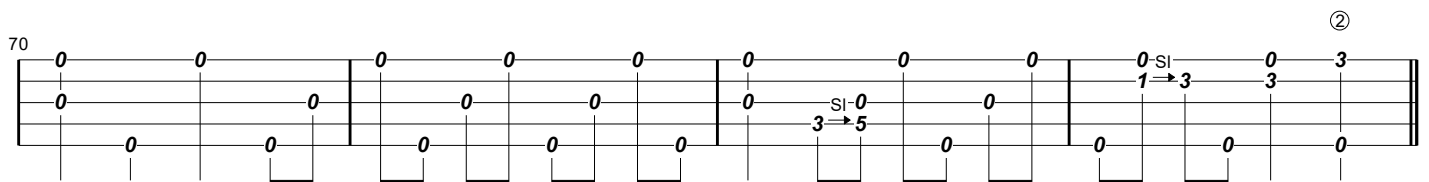
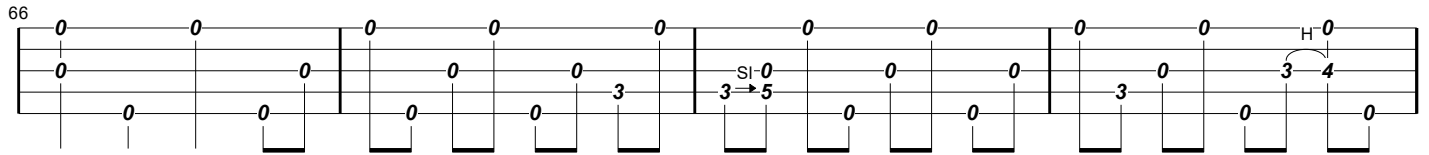
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D

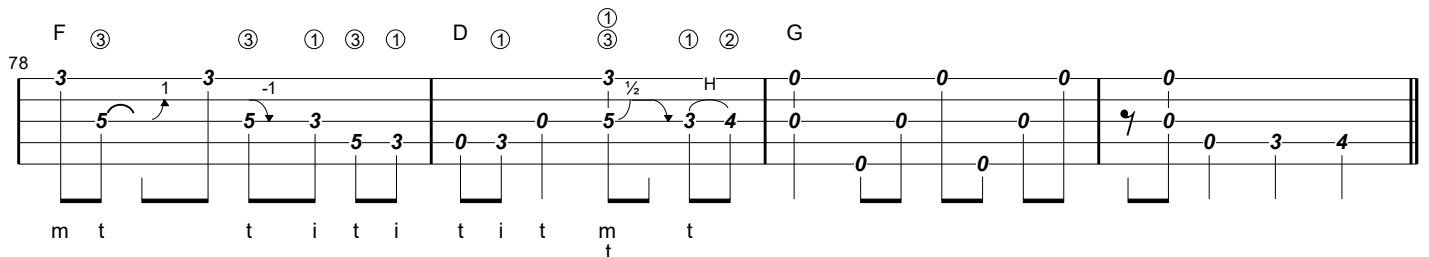
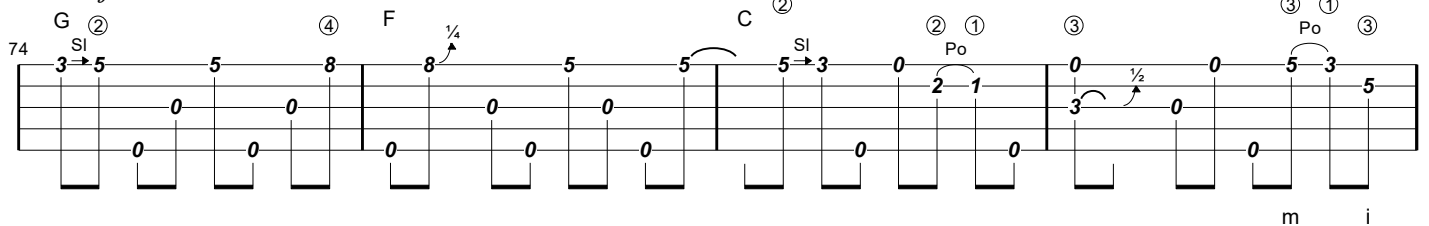


Backup for Mandolin Break

G



Banjo Break



Backup for 2nd Verse

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82

86

90

F D G

94

t t i m t i t

101

111

120

Backup for Last Chorus

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122 C

126 G

130 C

134 F C D

i t i

138 G

142

146 F C

150 F D G

154

C F C

158

F D

Ending
G

162



Hurtin' Inside

Ron Stewart

The Boxcars
Tuning aDGBD Capo 2 for E
Transcribed by Russell Sawler

Backup for 1st Verse

Sheet music for guitar, showing measures 1 through 21. The music is written for a guitar with aDGBD tuning and a capo at the 2nd fret. The key signature is one sharp (F#).

Measures 1-4: Intro. Measure 1 has a C2 (C2) and a D (D) above the staff. The time signature is 4/4. The first four measures are marked with 0 (open string) and 2 (second fret).

Measures 5-8: Continuation of the intro pattern.

Measures 9-12: Continuation of the intro pattern. Measure 10 includes a SL (Slide) from 2 to 5.

Measures 13-16: Continuation of the intro pattern. Measure 14 includes a Po (Pull-off) from 3 to 2.

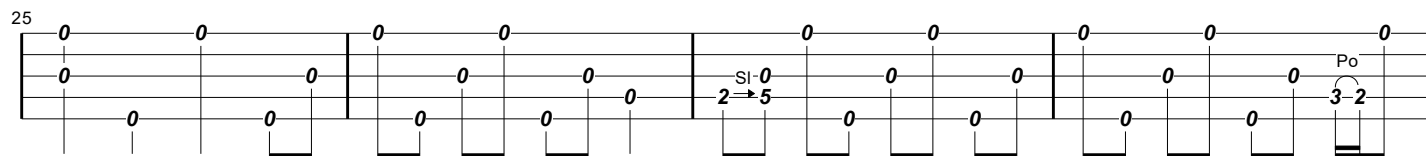
Measures 17-20: Continuation of the intro pattern. Measure 18 includes a Po (Pull-off) from 3 to 2.

Measures 21-24: Continuation of the intro pattern. Measure 21 includes a Po (Pull-off) from 3 to 2. Measure 22 includes a H (Hammer-on) from 2 to 3.

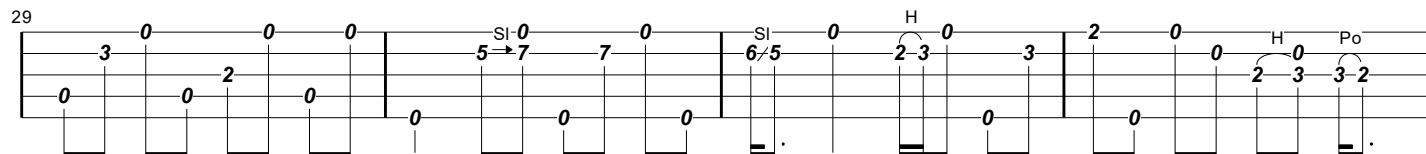
Backup for 1st Chorus

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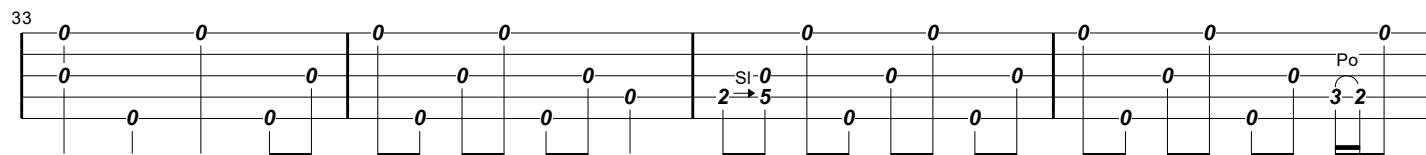
G



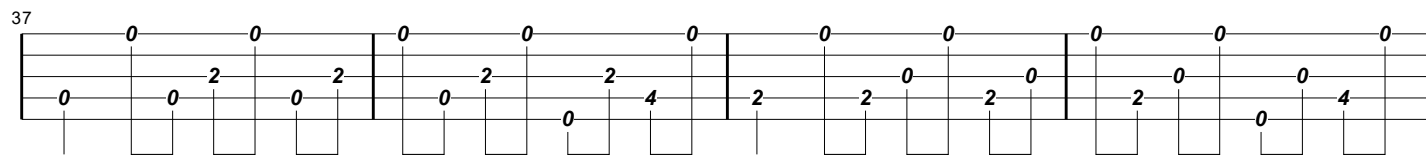
D



G

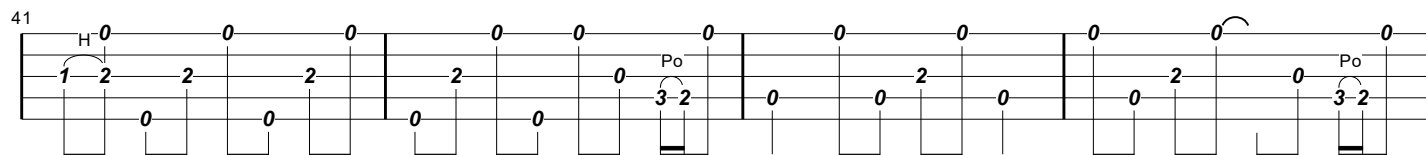


D

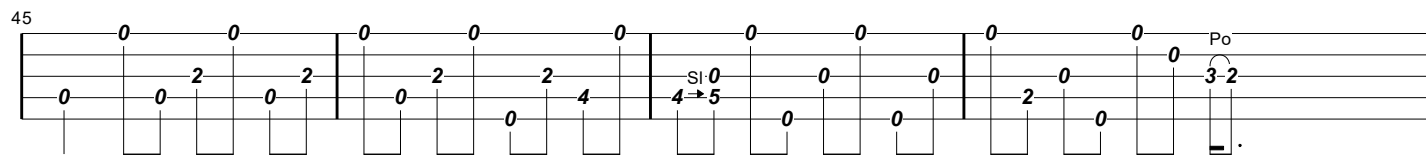


A

D

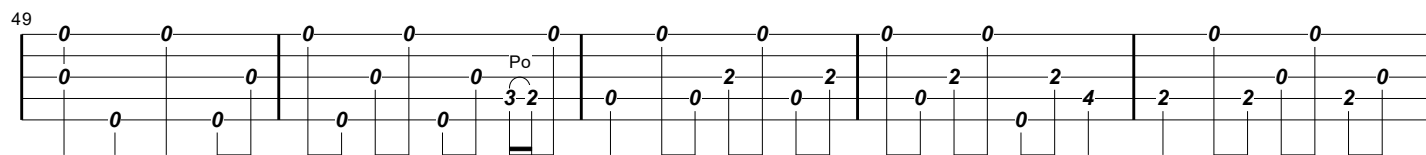


G



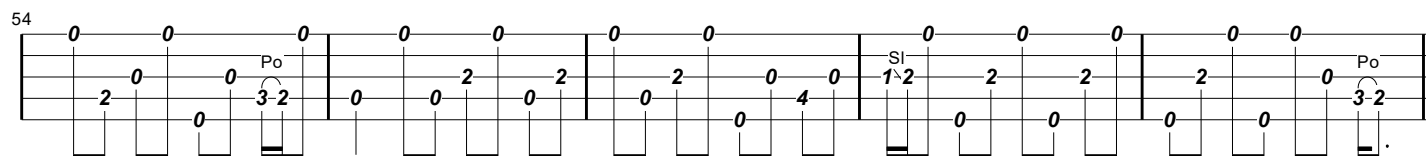
D

A



D

A



Backup for Mandolin Break

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D

59

63

G

67

71

D

75

A

D

79

A

Backup for 2nd Verse

Hurtin' Inside - Ron Stewart

D

83

87

G

91

95

D

99

D

103

Bridge

Hurtin' Inside - Ron Stewart

107

Em D

111

G A

115

Em D

119

G A

123

Banjo Break

Hurtin' Inside - Ron Stewart

125 G

t i t m i

129 D

t i t

133 G

② ② ① ②

t t m i

137 D

A ①

t i t i t t

Backup for 2nd part of Chorus

141 D

145 G

149 Em D G A

153 G D

Backup for 2nd Chorus

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G

157

D

161

G

165

D

169

A

173

D

177

G

181

D

185

A

Ending

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190

Em D G

194

D G

The diagram shows a guitar fretboard with six strings and 12 frets. Measure 190 (labeled 'Ending') is divided into four measures. The first measure has a D major chord (D, F#, A) with a half note (1/2) and a 4th fret. The second measure has an E minor chord (E, G, Bb) with a half note (1/2) and a 4th fret. The third measure has a D major chord (D, F#, A) with a half note (1/2) and a 4th fret. The fourth measure has a G major chord (G, B, D) with a half note (1/2) and a 4th fret. Measure 194 is divided into four measures. The first measure has a D major chord (D, F#, A) with a half note (1/2) and a 4th fret. The second measure has a G major chord (G, B, D) with a half note (1/2) and a 4th fret. The third measure has a D major chord (D, F#, A) with a half note (1/2) and a 4th fret. The fourth measure has a G major chord (G, B, D) with a half note (1/2) and a 4th fret. The diagram includes various fret numbers (0, 2, 4, 5) and techniques (H, Po, SI) indicated by arrows and text.

You Can Take Your Time In Coming Back To Me

Ron Stewart

The Boxcars "The Boxcars"
Capo 2 for A
Transcribed by Russell Sawler

1st Banjo Break

Banjo tablature for the 1st Banjo Break. The piece is in 4/4 time and features a mix of open strings, fretted notes, and various banjo techniques including hammer-ons (H), pull-offs (Po), and slides (Sl). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the capo is positioned at the second fret for an A major sound. The break consists of 17 measures, divided into five lines of four measures each, with the final line containing three measures. Chord changes are indicated by letters G, C, D, and G above the staff. Measure numbers 5, 9, and 13 are placed at the start of their respective lines. The notation includes a variety of rhythmic values and articulations typical of bluegrass banjo playing.

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Backup for 1st Chorus

19

Backup for Mandolin Break

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52 C

56 D G

60 C

64 D G

68

Backup for 2nd Verse

70 ② ② ③ ① C ①

74 D ③ G ④ ① ① ④ ① ②

78 ① ④ ③ ② ① ② ② ① C ① ②

82 D G

Backup for 2nd Chorus

86 C

90 D G

94 G C

98 D G

Backup for Fiddle Break

You Can Take Your Time In Coming Back To Me - Ron Stewart

102

C

106

D G

110

C

114

D G

t i t i t t m

118

Backup for 3rd Verse

C

120

D m i t i m t i m i t

G

124

0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

C

128

10 14 10 13

D

G

132

0 2 3 4 0 2 0 2 0 2 0 2

Backup for 3rd Chorus

C

136

2 1 2 0 1

D

G

140

0 2 3 0 3 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

G

C

144

1 2 0 1 2 0 1 2 0 1 2 0

D

G

148

0 2 3 0 2 5 0 2 3 0 3 0

G

C

t t

G

C

t t t

Backup for Last Chorus

You Can Take Your Time In Coming Back To Me - Ron Stewart

168

C

172

D G

i t i

176

G C

180

D G

t i

184

G C

188

D

t t i

I Went Back To My Old Home Today

Ron Stewart

The Boxcars
Key of C uncapoed
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Backup for Fiddle Intro

C F

C Banjo Break

5 H ④ Po ② G C ③

9 Po ④ Po ②

t t i

Backup for 1st Verse

I Went Back To My Old Home Today - Ron Stewart

11

G C

15

G C

19

F ① C Po

23

D G

27

C G C ①

31

G ② C

35

F ① C

39

G C

t i t t

t i t t i

i i t i t

t t i i t

t t i i

t i

F G C

F G C

D G

Age Group	Percentage
18-24	~85%
25-34	~80%
35-44	~65%
45-54	~75%
55-64	~80%
65+	~85%

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G C

Backup for Guitar Break

I Went Back To My Old Home Today - Ron Stewart

67 F C

71 D G Banjo Break

75 C G C ②

79 ③ G C

Backup for Fiddle Break

83 F C Banjo Break

87 G C

91

Backup for Guitar Break

I Went Back To My Old Home Today - Ron Stewart

67 F C

71 D G Banjo Break

75 C G C ②

79 G C ③

Backup for Fiddle Break

Banjo Break

83 F C

87 G C

91

I Went Back To My Old Home Today - Ron Stewart

[illegible]

Backup for 2nd Chorus

I Went Back To My Old Home Today - Ron Stewart

125 F G C

129 D G

133 C F

137 C G C

141 F

145 C G C

149 *Backup for Fiddle Break* F *Ending*

C H Po G C

153

t t i t i i

Ron Stewart

Capo 4 for B

Backup for Fiddle Break

m t t m t m
i i i

Backup for 1st Chorus

33 C F C

37 G F Eb F

41 G Banjo Break F

45 C F m i t t i t m i G ③ F

49 Eb ③ ③ ① F ① ③ ① G m i t m i

Backup for Mandolin F-reak

53 C C

57 G F Eb F

61 G

Backup for 2nd Verse

63

F C F

t i

67

G F Eb F

Backup for 2nd Chorus

71

G C F

i t t i t m i

75

C G F

t i

79

Eb F G F

t t t i t

Backup for Guitar Break

83

F C F

87

G F Eb F

t i

91

G

Bridge

93

D C E $\flat$ C D C E $\flat$

100

F G

Backup for Last Chorus

104

C F C

108

G F E $\flat$ F

Ending

112

F G F C

116

F G E $\flat$

120

Log Cabin In The Lane

Ron Stewart

The Boxcars
Capo 3 for Bb
Transcribed by Russell Sawler

1st Banjo Break

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Backup for 1st Verse

Backup for 1st Verse

Measures 20-31 of the musical score. The notation includes guitar chords (G, C, D) and fingerings (0, 1, 2, 3, 5). It features various musical techniques such as slides (SI), bends (H), and pull-offs (Po). The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Backup for 1st Chorus

Measures 32-34 of the musical score. The notation includes guitar chords (D, G) and fingerings (0, 1, 2, 3). It features various musical techniques such as slides (SI), bends (H), and pull-offs (Po). The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Backup for 1st Chorus

36 10 10 10 10 17 17 14 12 14 H 14 12

40 8 11 9 8 0 5 SI 8 8 9 7 9 0 0 0 2 3 H 0 3 2 0 0 Po 0

44 0 0 0 0 0 2 3 H 0 0 1 2 0 1 0 0 SI 0 0 0 2

48 0 0 0 0 0 2 3 H 0 0 2 3 2 0 2 0 0 0 0 0 2

i i t i

Backup for Mandolin Break

Chord progression: C G D C G D G

Measure 1: C (C4, E4, G4)

Measure 2: G (B3, D4, F#4)

Measure 3: D (F#3, A3, C4)

Measure 4: C (C4, E4, G4)

Measure 5: G (B3, D4, F#4)

Backup for 2nd Verse

② ① ① ② C G

i i t t i

t i t t i

t i

i t i t i

G ④ ① ③ ② C G

t i

D G

Backup for 2nd Chorus

C G

D

G C G

D G

[illegible]

Backup for 3rd Verse

[illegible]

Backup for 3rd Chorus
C

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Backup for Last Chorus
C

44



Ron Stewart

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1st Banjo Break

G C

[illegible][illegible][illegible]

Backup for 1st Chorus

C

G

①

Em

30

t t i

G

D

G

34

Example 34

Backup for Mandolin Break

C

[illegible]

G

C

G

A

[illegible]

Backup for Fiddle Break

D

G

46

0 0 2 2 0 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 2 0

C

G

C

G

50

50

51

52

t i i

D

G

54

54

55

56

57

58

0 2 3 0 0

0 2

Backup for 1st Chorus

30 C G ① Em

34 G D G

Backup for Mandolin Break

38 C

42 G C G A

Backup for Fiddle Break

46 D G

50 C G C G

54 D G

58

Backup for 2nd Verse

59 ① ② C G

t i i t m m i i i t m i i t i

63 C G A D ③

i i t i t

67 G C

71 G D G

Backup for 2nd Chorus

75 C

79 G Em G

83 D G

2nd Banjo Break

86 G C G

89 C G A D

94 G C

98 G C G D

102 G C

106 G Em G

110 D G

Backup for Last Chorus t t

Ending

C

112

116

120

t i t t t t i t

I've Been Waiting

Ron Stewart

The Boxcars

Capo 4 for B

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Backup for Mandolin Intro

4/4

G ① Em

5 F C

9 D G

13

Po H-Pc

Backup for 1st Chorus

F

33

m
C

D

37

t t i

t t m i t i

C

D

41

t i t i i t i

C

D

45

G

49

Banjo Break

52 *Banjo Break*

56

60

64

68

72

Chords: G, F, C, D, Em

Accents: ①, ②, ③, ④

Techniques: H (Hammer-on), SI (Slide), Po (Pull-off)

Notes: i t i t t i

Backup 2nd Verse

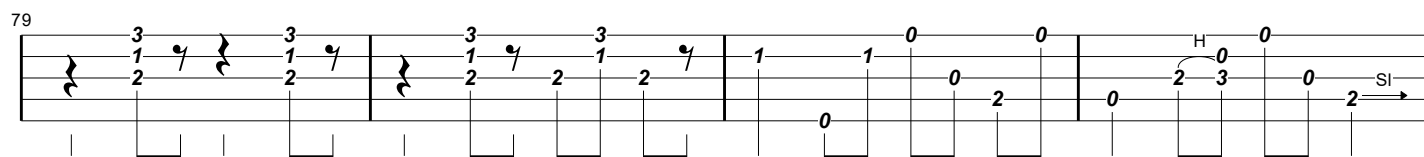
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F

C

D

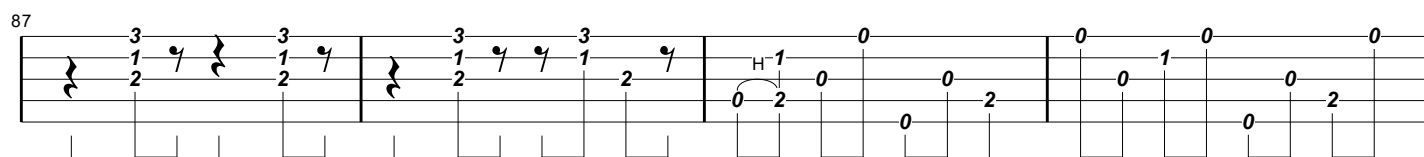


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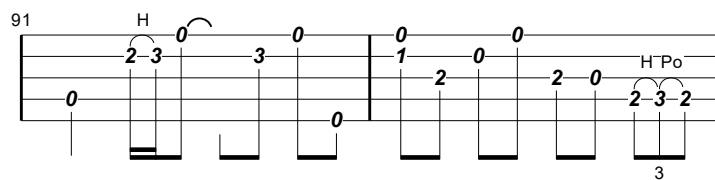
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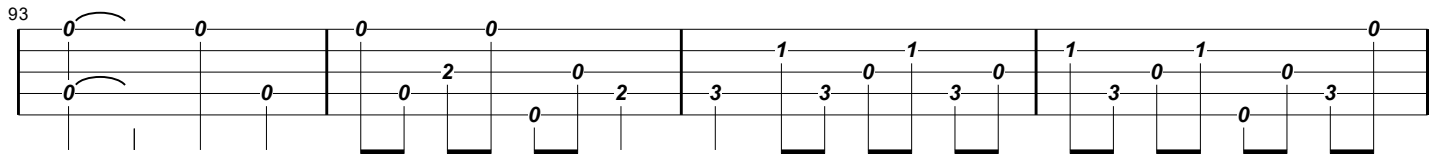


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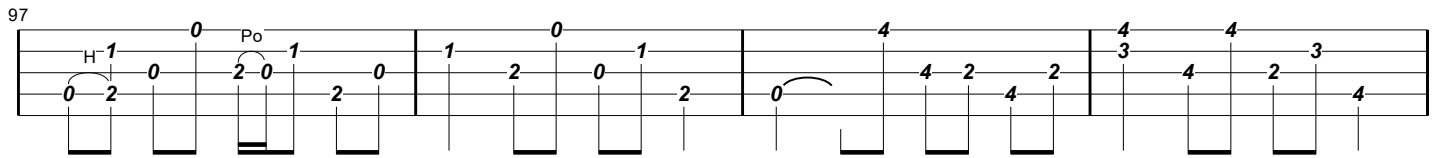
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F



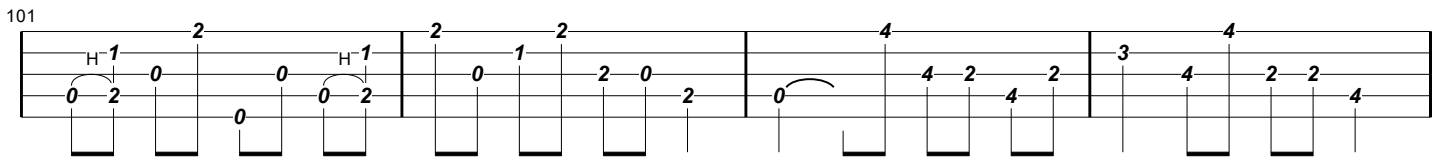
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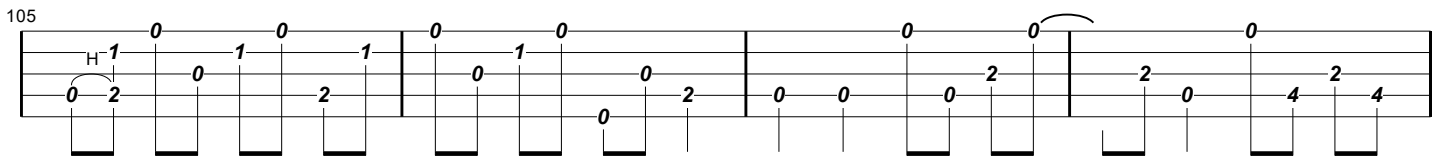
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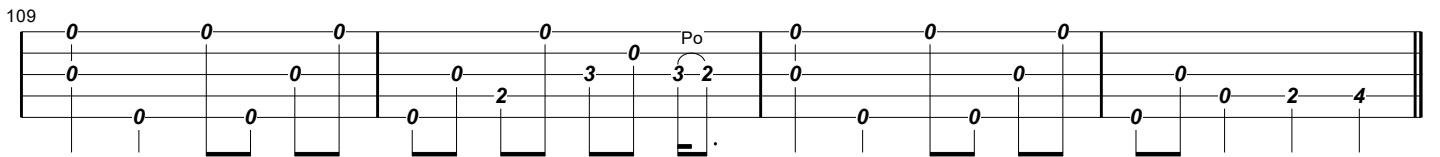


C

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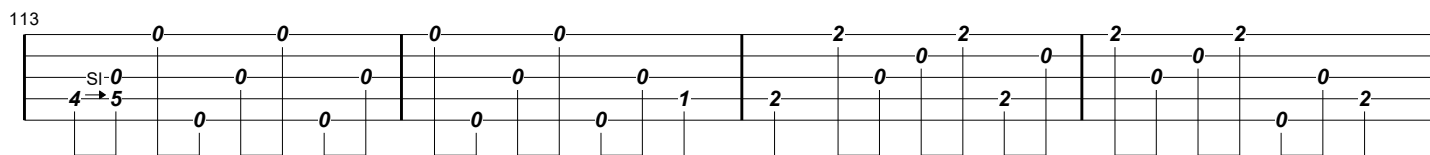


G



Backup for Fiddle Break

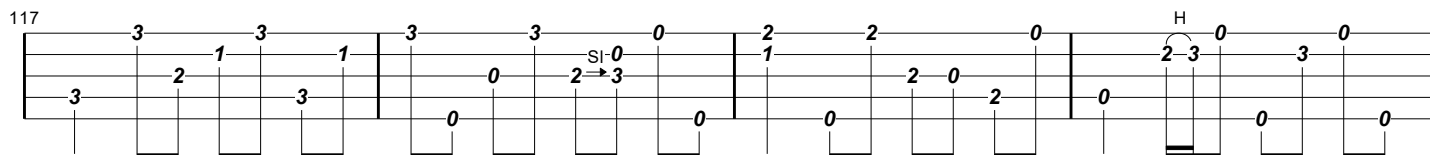
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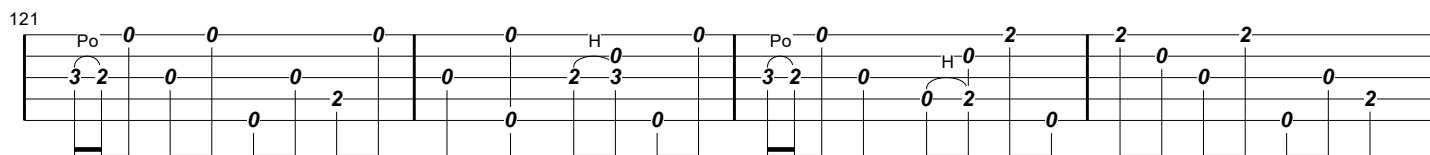
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C

D

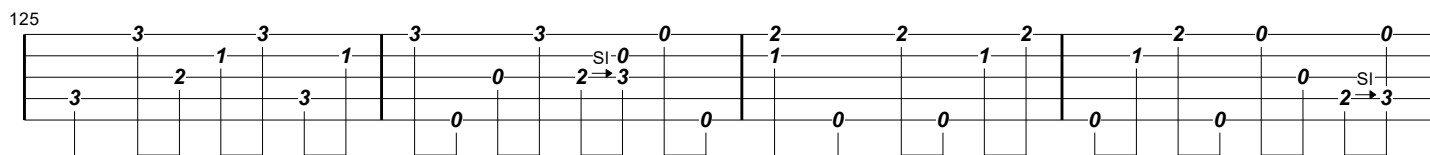


Em



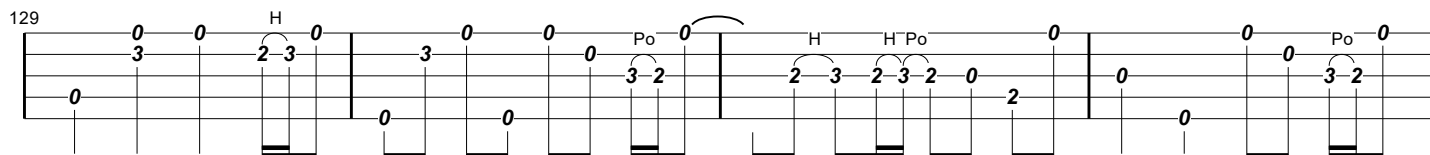
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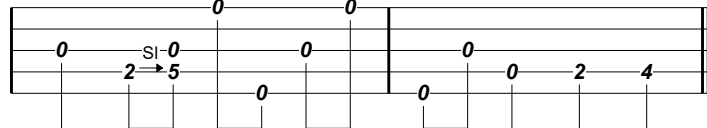


D

G



133



Backup for 3rd Verse

I've Been Waiting - Ron Stewart

135

③ ③ ① ③ Em ② ④ ③ ② ③ ② ①

5 5 5 5 3 4 3 5 5 3 4 2 4 4 5 5 4 9 9 8 9 8 9

t i

139

F C ③ ① ② ① ② ② D ③

0 6 Po 6 6 7 5 6 7 5 6 7 5 7 0 5 4 5 1 2 0 2 0 2 3 0 2 SI

t t i t t i t i t i t

143

G ④ ③ ④ ③ Em

5 5 5 Po 5 5 Po 2 0 SI 0 0 Po 0 0

4 2 4 2 5 4 0 3 2 0 1 2 2 3 3 2 0 0 2

t i

147

F C

0 1 0 1 0 0 0 0 SI 0 2 1 0 1 0 1 3 1 2 3 2

3 2 3 0 0 2 3 0 1 0 1 0 1 0 0 0 0

151

D

0 H 0 0 0 0 0 0 H Po

2 3 3 1 2 0 2 0 2 3 2

3

181

G

(4) (1)

5 2 5

H 0 Po 0

2 3 3 2 0

5 0 0

Take Me On The Midnight Train

Ron Stewart

The Boxcars

Capo 4 for B

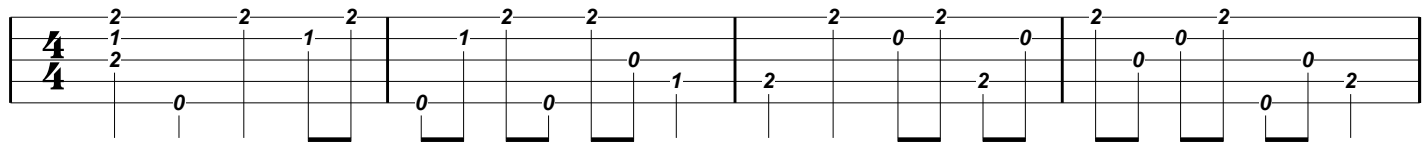
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Backup for Guitar Intro

Am

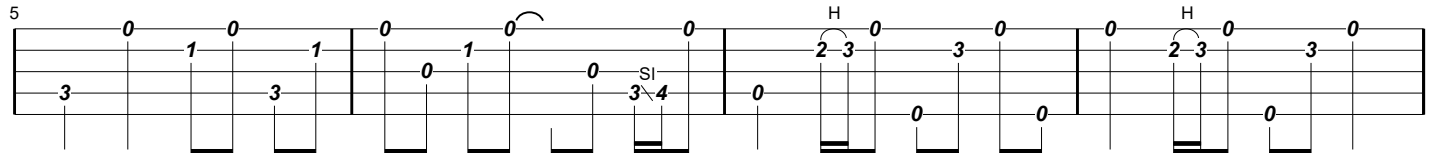
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Em

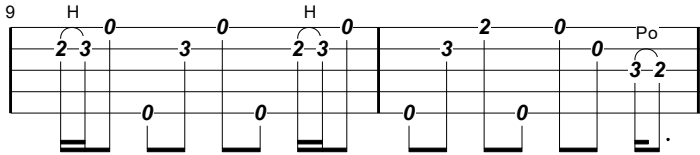


F

D



9



Backup for 1st Chorus

11 G F C G

15 D

19 Em F D

23 G F C

27 G

31 D Em C D

35 G

i i m i t t

Backup for 1st Verse

Am G ④ ② ① ②

39 2 2 1 2 1 2 2 1 2 0 0 12 12 11 12 8 8 9

2 2 1 2 1 0 2 3 5 5 9 7 9 12

i i i t

④ ③ ④

43 9 8 11 9 8 8 12 9 11 9 8 8 15 15 17 17 15 16 0

0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

② D

47 4 8 8 8 9 7 9 2 0 2 0 3 4 0 3 2 0

0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

i i

Am

51 H 0 0 0 0 0 0 2 1 2 1 2 1 2 1 2 0 0

0 2 3 3 0 0 3 2 0 1 2 2 2 2 2 0 0

0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

G ① ③ ④

55 1 8 8 9 8 9 11 9 9 8 9 0 0 3 2 0 0 3 2 0

0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

59 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

0 2 5 0 0 0 2 3 2 3 0 0 2 0 2 3 0 2

0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

D

63 H 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

2 3 3 2 3 3 2 3 3 2 3 3 2 3 3 2 3 2 0 0 3 2

0 0

Backup for 2nd Chorus

67 G F C G

71 D

75 Em F D

79 G F C

83 G

87 D Em C D

91 G

1st Banjo Break

94 *1st Banjo Break*

G F C

98 G

102 D Em ① ③ F

Backup for Fiddle Break

106 m D ② G F t i

110 C G t t t t t

114 D Em C

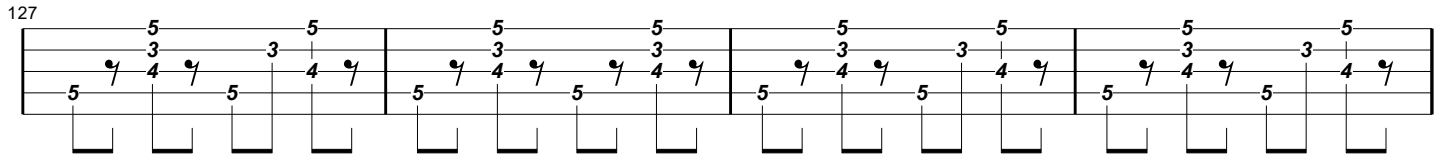
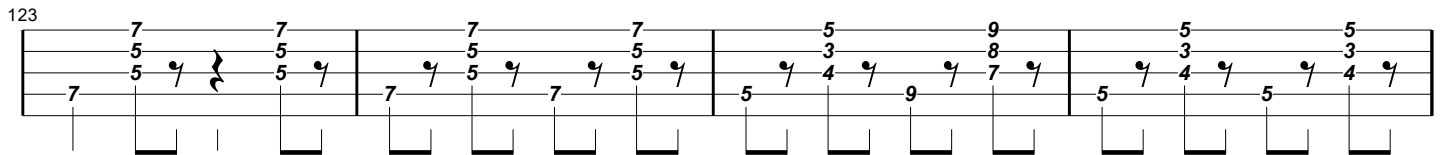
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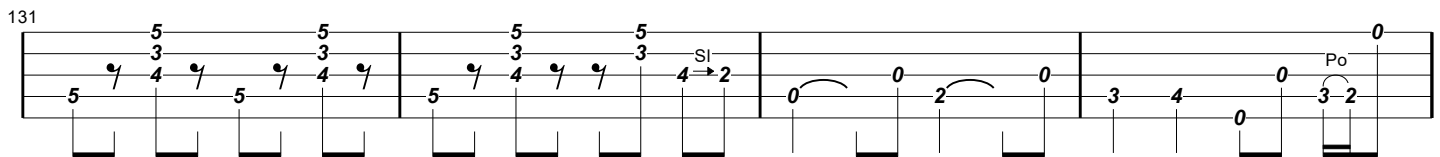
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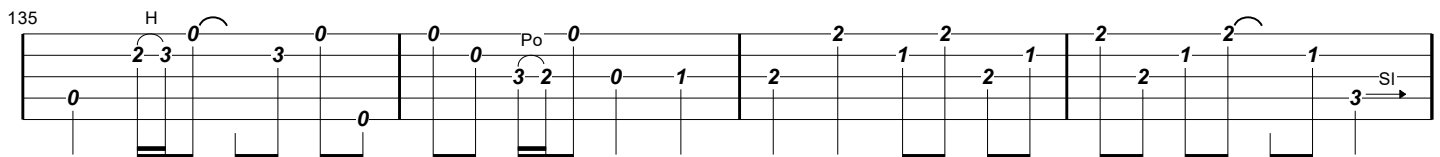
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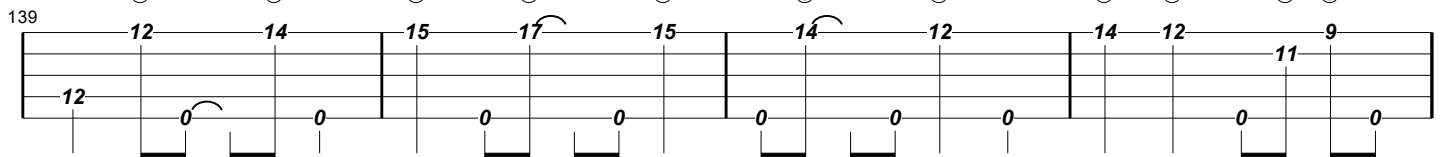
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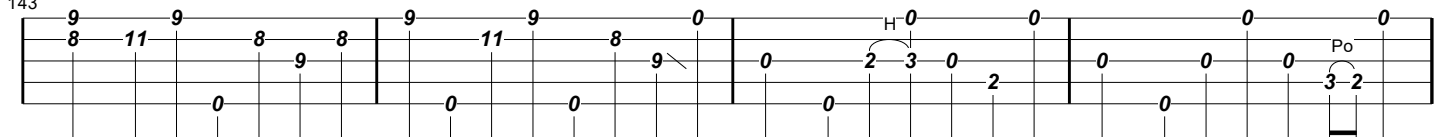
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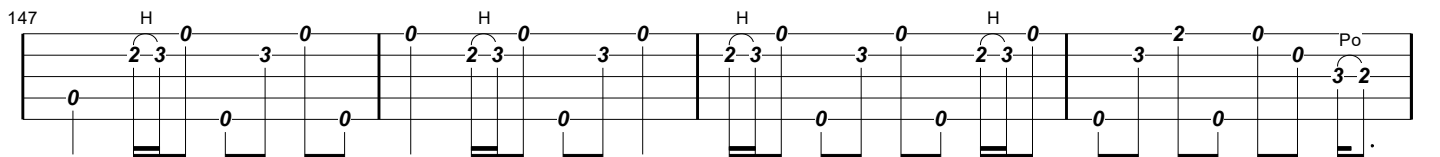
③

①

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D



Backup for 3rd Chorus

151

G F C G

155

Em F D

159

G F C

163

G

167

D Em C D

171

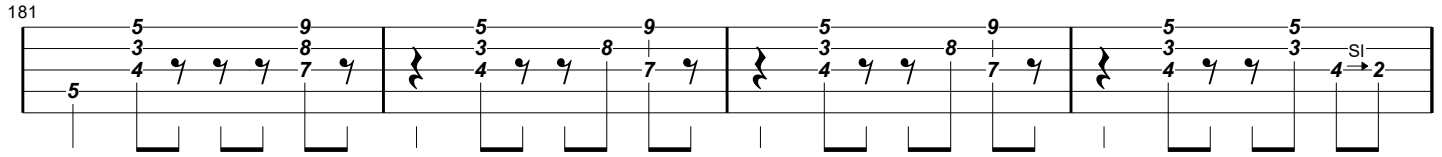
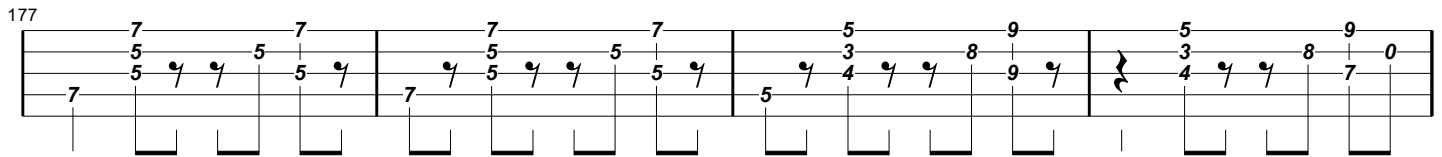
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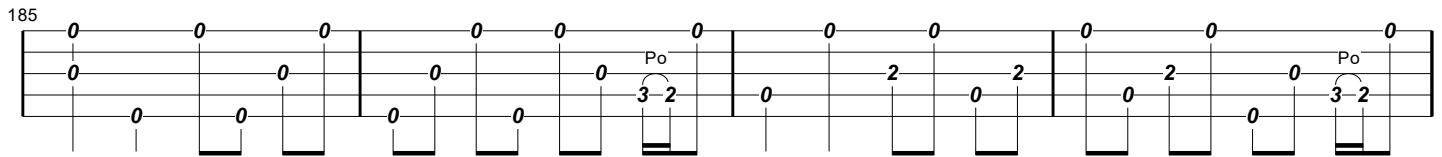
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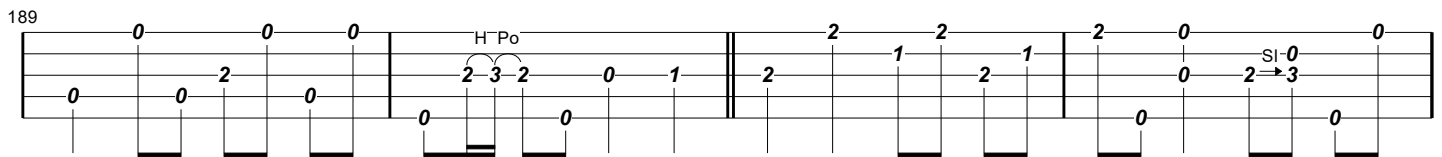
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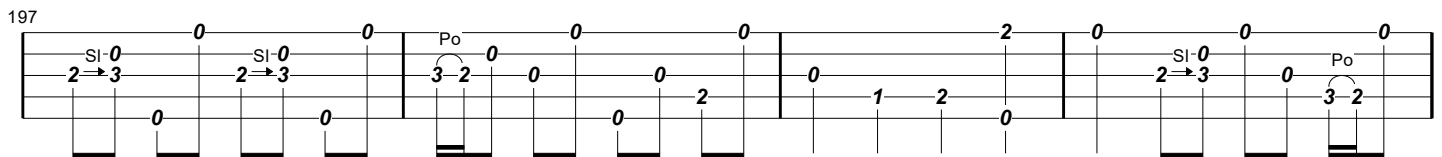
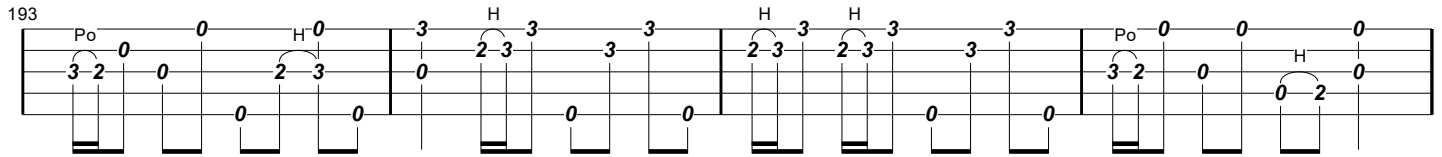
*2nd Banjo Break*

Am

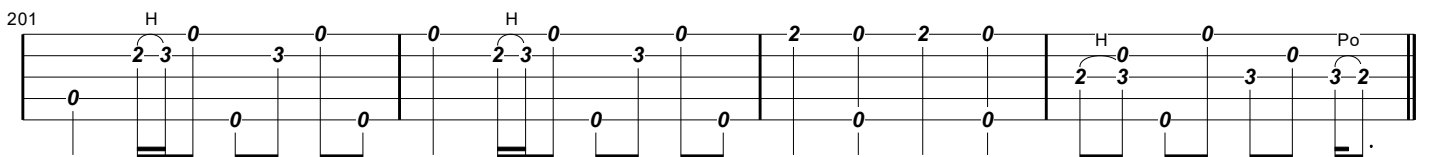


G

③



D



Backup for Last Chorus

205

G F C G

209

D

213

Em F D

217

G F C

221

G

225

D Em C D

229

G

233

D Em C D

Ending

239

G F C

243

Em C D

t i

247

G

t i