

## Neil Young - Rockin' In The Free World

INTRO and VERSES:

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For the verses you basically need: Em, D and C  
but the strumming pattern and fretting actually  
involve a G. Here's how to strum the Em measure  
(intro and verse alike):

Em  
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(1 + 2 + 3 + 4 +)  
DN UP DN UP DN UP DN UP  
B - \$ \$ - \$ \$ \$

Meaning it is an Em chord for the whole measure,  
play only the bass note (the E string) on the first  
beat (indicated by the 'B' -from Bass- above), the '-&' means  
don't  
strum on the strings and a '\$' means play the chord indicated  
above (Em in this case).

The D and C measure is strummed as follows:

D N C N  
| | | |  
DN UP DN UP DN UP DN UP  
\$ \$ \$ \$ - \$ \$ \$

Meaning play a D chord for the first beat then on the  
down stroke of the second beat hit the strings without  
any fretting (indicated by 'N' above), this would actually  
sound as a G (especially that you're most likely to hit only  
the D, G, B and E strings). Then directly play a C chord on  
the up-stroke of the second beat (in fact you'd ready your fingers  
for the C chord while hitting the 'G chord'). The same trick is  
done at the last up-stroke of the 4th beat where you, again, play the  
open strings just before hitting the bass of the Em chord of the  
following measure (as indicated in the Em measure).

Em D C

Colors on the street

Em D C

Red, white and blue

Em D C

People shufflin'; their feet

Em D C

People sleepin'; in their shoes

Em D C

But there's a warnin'; sign on the road ahead

Em D C

There's a lot of people sayin'; we'd be better off dead

Em D C

Don't feel like Satan, but I am to them

Em D C

So I try to forget it, any way I can.

G D C C/B C/A G

Keep on rockin'; in the free world,

D C C/B C/A G

Keep on rockin'; in the free world

D C C/B C/A G

Keep on rockin'; in the free world,

D C C/B C/A G

Keep on rockin'; in the free world.

A (7 fr.) x4 (interleave A with A7)

I see a woman in the night

With a baby in her hand

Under an old street light

Near a garbage can

Now she puts the kid away, and she's gone to get a hit

She hates her life, and what she's done to it

There's one more kid that will never go to school

Never get to fall in love, never get to be cool.

Keep on rockin'; in the free world,

Keep on rockin'; in the free world

Keep on rockin'; in the free world,

Keep on rockin'; in the free world.

(Bass only)

We got a thousand points of light

Keep on rockin' in the free world,  
Keep on rockin' in the free world  
Keep on rockin' in the free world,  
Keep on rockin' in the free world.

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e-12-12-12-12-12-12-12---^^^ ^^ ^^ ^^ ^-----|
B-12-12-12-12-12-12----15--15-15-15-12-----^^^ ^^ ^-12-----12|
G-----15-12-12-12h14---14-14---|
D-----|
A-----|
E-----|
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e-----0-----12-12-12-12|
B-----0-15-----15-15-15-15|
G12-----12-^^^--12b14b--14-12-14b-14b-----|
D--14-12---12-14---14-14-----|
A-----14-----|
E-----|
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E-----|

e-15-14-12^^^12^^15-14-12---12-14-12-15b-----|

B-----15-----|

G-----|

D-----|

A-----|

E-----|