

Rocky Mountain High

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Difficulty: beginner

Tuning: [E A D G B E](#)

Key: E

Capo: 2nd fret

Timing: 4/4

Strumming

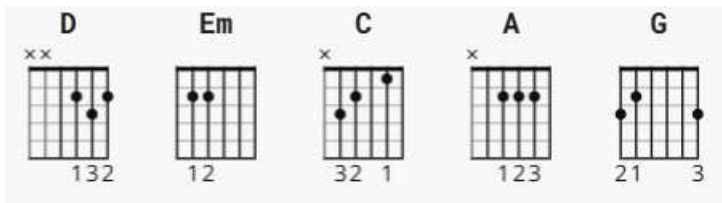


Optional Split Chord G[A] or C[A]

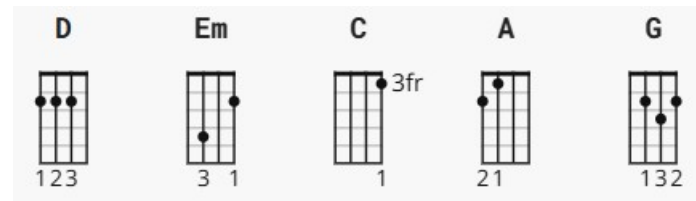
G A
C A
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Chords

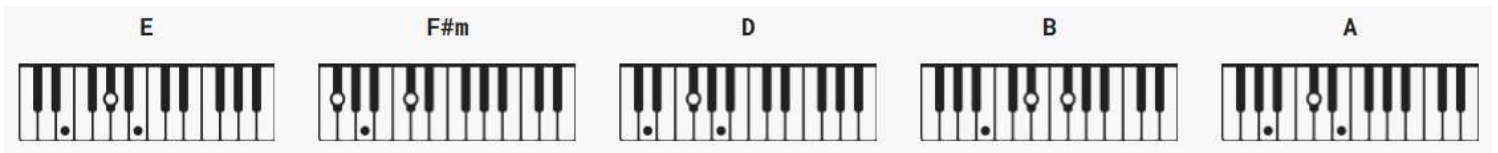
Guitar



Ukulele



Piano



[Intro]

D D Em G[A] x2

[Verse]

He was born in the summer of his 27th year
 Comin' home to a place he'd never been before
 He left yesterday behind him, you might say he was born again
 You might say he found a key for every door
 When he first came to the mountains his life was far away
 On the road and hangin' by a song
 But the string's already broken and he doesn't really care
 It keeps changin' fast and it don't last for long

[Chorus]

But the Colorado rocky mountain high
 I've seen it rainin' fire in the sky
 The shadow from the starlight is softer than a lul...la...by
 Rocky mountain high (Colorado)
 Rocky mountain high (Colorado)

[Verse]

He climbed cathedral mountains, he saw silver clouds below
 He saw everything as far as you can see
 And they say that he got crazy once and he tried to touch the sun

And he lost a friend but kept the memory
 Now he walks in quiet solitude the forest and the streams
 Seeking grace in every step he takes
 His sight has turned inside himself to try and understand
 The serenity of a clear blue mountain lake

[Chorus]

And the Colorado rocky mountain high
 I've seen it rainin' fire in the sky
 Talk to God and listen to the casual reply
 Rocky mountain high (Colorado)
 Rocky mountain high (Colorado)

[Verse]

Now his life is full of wonder but his heart still knows some fear
 Of a simple thing he cannot comprehend
 Why they try to tear the mountains down to bring in a couple more
 More people, more scars upon the land

[Chorus]

And the Colorado rocky mountain high
 I've seen it rainin' fire in the sky
 I know he'd be a poorer man if he never saw an eagle fly

G D D Em G[A]

Rocky mountain high (Colorado)

G A D D

And the Colorado rocky mountain high

G A D D

I've seen it rain fire in the sky

G A D/ D/ G/ A/ G G G

Friends around the camp-fire and everybody's high

G D D Em G[A]

Rocky mountain high (Colorado)

[Outro]

D D Em G[A]
Rocky mountain high (Colorado)

D D Em G[A]
Rocky mountain high (Colorado)

D D Em G A
Rocky mountain high