



JoniMitchell.com Transcription for Guitar

Ray's Dad's Cadillac

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The main picking pattern used here is another variation on one of Joni's favourite feels, the triplet/shuffle feel. It should be fairly easy to pick up if you follow the tablature while listening to the original track.

I've indicated a few of the brief open-string strums that are used when moving between chords as (xx0000), (xxxx00) etc.

INTRO:

(This intro sequence is the same as the end of the chorus sections)

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D-----
A-----
G----9--9-----11-----11-----
C----9--9---9-----11--11-----11-----
A----9-----9--9-----11-----11-----11-----
D--0-----0---0-----0-----

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Ray's Dads Cadillac

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D-----0-----0-----
A-----0-----0-----
G-----7---7-----9-----9-----
C----7--7---7-----9--9-----9-----
A----7-----7---7-----9-----9-----
D--0-----0---0-----0-0-----

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(Repeat above two lines of tablature once)

D-----0-----0---
A-----0-----0---
G----9--9-----9--9-----
C----9--9-----9-----9--9-----9-----
A-----9-----9-----9-----9-----
D--0-----0-0-----0-----0-0-----

D-----0-----
A-----0-----
G----9--9-----
C----9--9-----9-----
A-----9-----9-----
D--0-----0-0-----0---

Use a similar feel and picking pattern for the rest of the song.

VERSE 1:

099900 (0000xx) 333200
Ray's Dad's Cadillac

222222 7776xx
Rollin' past the rink, past the record shack

099900 (0000xx) 333200
Pink fins in the falling rain

222222 7776xx
Rollin' to the blue lights past the water mains

CHORUS:

099900 999900
Ray's Dad's Cadillac, weekends we'd get

099900 999900
Ray's Dad's Cadillac

(x0000x) 2221xx (xxxx00)
Rock 'n roll in the dashboard

7776xx
Romance in the back of

099900 0 11 11 11 0 0 077700 099900
Ray's Dad's Cadillac

099900 0 11 11 11 0 0 077700 099900
Ray's Dad's Cadillac

VERSE 2:

(Chords as verse 1)

Ray's Dad teaches math
Zero, I'm a dunce I'm a decimal in his class
Last night's kisses won't erase
Zero, I just can't keep the numbers in their place

CHORUS:

Ray's Dad's Cadillac
Last night we had
Ray's Dad's Cadillac
Rock 'n roll in the dashboard
Romance in the back of
Ray's Dad's Cadillac
Ray's Dad's Cadillac

MIDDLE 8:

555555
When it comes to mathematics

5554xx
I got static in the attic

099900
"No sir, nothin's clear!"

555555
I'll be blackboard blind on Monday

5554xx (xxxx00)
Dreamin' of blue runways

7776xx
On the edge of here

777777

A little atmosphere

VERSE 3:

Blue lights out on airport road
Motown, in a field in a farmer's grove
Big planes comin' overhead
Lowdown
You can see the bolts
You can see the tire treads

CHORUS:

Ray's Dad's Cadillac
Weekends we'd get
Ray's Dad's Cadillac
Oh, little darlin'
Rock 'n roll in the dashboard
Romance in the back of
Ray's Dad's Cadillac
Ray's Dad's Cadillac

OUTTRO:

099900
Ray's Dad's Cadillac

099900
Ray's Dad's Cadillac

D-----0-----0-----
A-----0-----0-----0-----
G-----9-----9-----
C-----9-----9-----9-----9-----
A-----9-----9-----9-----9-----
D---0-----0-----0-----0-----

Repeat above pattern (ad lib.) to fade.