



JoniMitchell.com Transcription for Baritone Ukulele

Dark As A Dungeon

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CFAD, 'Joni' Tuning: x545

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Played on Baritone ukulele.

Tuning (low to high): CFAD

Joni tuning: C545

(Or use guitar with all strings tuned one tone down to DGCADF, and use only the top 4 strings)

Chord shapes:

- G: 7655
- F: 5433
- G/D: 2220
- Gsus2/D: 2200
- Gsus4/D: 2230
- C: 0232
- D: 2100
- D7: 2130
- D6: 2120

It's interesting that, with only three basic chords (G, C, D) for the bulk of the song, there are enough variations with 6, 7, sus2 and sus4 chords to keep things interesting. In the chorus and intro, the way that the G/D and Gsus2/D chords keep alternating keeps a bit of momentum in the ukulele part.

The strumming pattern used throughout is a downstroke on the bottom two strings, then the top 2 strings are picked individually using upstrokes, as shown in the intro tab below.

Intro

G

F

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D-----5-----5-----3-----3-----
A-----5-----5-----3-----3-----
F---6-----6-----4-----4-----
C---7-----7-----5-----5-----

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G

F

D-----5-----5-----3-----0-----
A-----5-----5-----5-----3-----0-----
F----6-----6-----4-----4-----
C----7-----7-----5-----5-----

G/D

Gsus2/D

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D-----0-----0-----0-----0-----
A-----2-----2-----0-----2-----0-----
F----2-----2-----2-----2-----
C----2-----2-----2-----2-----

G/D

Gsus2/D

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D-----0-----0-----0-----0-----
A-----2-----2-----0-----2-----0-----
F----2-----2-----2-----2-----
C----2-----2-----2-----2-----

Verse 1

The same picking pattern is used throughout, but during the verses the bottom string is not clearly audible for all chords.

G/D

Come all you young fellers

C

D

so young and so fine

G/D

And seek not your fortune

C

D

D7

in the dark dreary mine

G/D

It will form as a habit

C

D

and seep in your soul

G/D

Till the stream of your blood

C

D

D7

is as black as the coal

Chorus

 D7 D6 D
Where it's dark as a dungeon

 G/D Gsus2/B G/D
and damp as the dew

 D7 D6 D
where the dangers are double

 G/D Gsus2/B G/D
and the pleasures are few

 G/D D6
Where the rain never falls

 C D C D D7
and the sun never shines

 G/B Gsus2/B G/D
Lord it's a dark as a dungeon

 C G/B Gsus2/B G/B Gsus4/B G/B
way down in the mines

Verse 2

Well it's many a man
that I've seen in my day
Who lived just to labor
his whole life away
Like a fiend with his dope
or a drunkard his wine
A man must have lust
for the lure of the mine

Chorus

Where it's dark as a dungeon
and damp as the dew
where the dangers are double
and the pleasures are few
Where the rain never falls
and the sun never shines
Lord it's a dark as a dungeon
way down in the mines

Verse 3

Well I hope when I'm gone
all the ages shall roll
my body will blacken
and turn into coal
Then I'll look from the door
of my heavenly home
And pity the miner
who are digging my bones

Chorus

 D7 D6 D
Where it's dark as a dungeon

 G/D Gsus2/B G/D
and damp as the dew

 D7 D6 D
where the dangers are double

 G/D Gsus2/B G/D
and the pleasures are few

 G/D D6
Where the rain never falls

 C D C D D7
and the sun never shines

 G/B Gsus2/B G/D
Lord it's a dark as a dungeon

 C G/B
way down in the mines

 C G/B Gsus2/B G/D

Outtro

(Humming over the first few lines of the verse to fade)

 G/D C D
Hmm-hmm-hmm hmm-hmm-hmm hmm-hmm-hmm hmm-hmm

 G/D C G/D
Hmm-hmm-hmm hmm-hmm-hmm hmm-hmm-hmm hmm-hmm

C G/D Gsus2/D G/D