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Black Crow

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The intro reminds me a lot of that "headin' on the highway" song. There's just a few chords. Something I've noticed in a lot of Joni's songs is that she only uses just a few chords. Some examples are: 555400 or 555555 or 557755 in pretty much any tuning so it's fairly easy to figure out her songs. Also, if you have the tuning to a song of hers, but don't know the chords, sometimes just fooling around will help you!

OK, enough rambling!

Intro:

The note on the F string here is kind of optional, but it is better to fret it so that you don't strum the open F string by mistake.

And the verses: There's also a lot of open strums inbetween the chords.

Also, many of the bar chords have one or two notes added to them on the middle two strings to give a dissonant kind of sound. So wherever you see 555555 you can vary the sound by playing 555755 or 557755 from time to time.

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There's a crow flying, Black and ragged, Tree to tree

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007777
             He's black as the highway that's leading me
    slide
    0 0 12 12 12 12
                 000000
    888888
Now he's diving down
     111111
           000000
                 111111
     To pick up on
      000000
      333333
something shiny
      111111
               333333
      | | | | | | | |
I feel like that black crow flying
Bb-----|
Ab-----|
F--(3)-3-3-3-3-0-0-0-0-0 and repeat this a few times
Db--5--5-5--5-5---0----
Bb--5--5-5--5-3--0----|
Bb--5--5-5--5-3--0----
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In a blue sky

Then I think you just play the above chords with no words for this part And repeat the intro over and over until fade. Additional lyrics: I took a ferry to the highway The I drove to a pontoon plane I took a plane to a taxi And a taxi to a train I've been traveling so long How'm I ever going to know my home When I see it again I'm like a black crow flying In a blue, blue sky In search of love and music My whole life has been Illumination Corruption And diving, diving, diving, diving. Diving down to pick up on every shiny thing Just like that black crow flying In a blue sky I looked at the morning After being up all night I looked at my haggard face in the bathroom light I looked out the window And saw that ragged soul take flight I saw a back crow flying In a blue sky Oh I'm like a black crow flying In a blue sky. © 1976 Crazy Crow Music, all rights reserved.