JoniMitchell.com Transcription for Guitar

Rainy Night House

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DADFAD, 'Joni' Tuning: x75345

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Note from Sue: Rainy Night House is a song that Joni plays on piano. Gerald Hillman has transcribed it in open tuning for guitar. Thanks Gerald!!

The Chord Shapes:

Dm O	Bb(B flat)	XO	А	Gsus	G
====== ***** 12 	====== ****** 8 * 	===== **** 5 	====== ***** 7 * 	===== ***** 5 *	====== ***** 5 *
С	F ======	Am	Bb6	Asus	
====== ***** 10 * 	===== ****** 3 * 	===== ***** 7 	====== ****** 8 * *	===== ****** 7 *	
Dm 	Dm 	Dm 		Dm 	
Dm It was a 	Bb rainy n 	Am7 ight we to 	ook a taxi	A to your 	mother's
Dm home. She wen 	Bb t to Florid 	Am7 a and 10 	eft you wit	A ch your fa 	ther's gun
Dm alone. Upon h 	Gsus er small 	G white be 	ed.	C I fel 	l in-
F -to a dream. 	Bb You 	Dı sat up a 		C nt and you 	watched me

Am	Am	G	G
just to see	who in the world I	might be.	
Dm	Dm	Dm	Dm
Dm	Bb	1	A
I am from the	Sunday school		in the upstairs
Dm	Bb6	Asus	A
choir	(choir voices)		
Dm You are a 		•	C on the FM
F Bb	Dm	C	istened to thee
radio I sa	tup all the m	night and I 1	
Am Am	G	G	nd what you might
just to see who i	n the world you اmic	ght be. (a	
	ا		
Dm Dm	Dm	Dm	
mean to me.)			
Dm Bb	Am7	A	he was very
You called me bea	utiful. You called y	your mother. S	
Dm	Bb	Am7	ut in the
tanned. So you pac	ked your tent and we	ent to live o	
A Dm Arizona san 	Gsus d. You are a re:	G fu -gee	
C F	Bb	Dm	our father's golden
from a wealthy f	amily You o	gave up all y	
C Am factories ju 	Am st to see who in 		G might be

G	Dm	Dm	Dm	
(who in the	world)	:		:
			(fade out)	

NOTE: I've transcribed this as sort of a combination of "Ladies Of The Canyon" and "Miles Of Aisles" versions. On guitar, it sounds closer to the "Miles Of Aisles" version, and therefore, I've written the lyrics as Joni sings them on "Miles Of Aisles". I didn't include the lead break.

The Dm chord is played (mostly) as a harmonic on the 12th fret with the 6th string (low D) played open to give it a deep, heavy bass. Play D (6th) string (either open or as a harmonic) followed by an upstroke harmonic on strings 1-5. Ocassionally (as you hear it), you may want to play the Dm chord fully open. Personally, I mostly use the harmonic form.

Example of my chord charts:

X = muted stringO = open string

Am7 <-chord name X0 <-6th string muted, 5th string open ===== <-nut/head/top of guitar ||**** 7 <-fret number /(bar with 1st finger) ||||||| <-no fingers |||*** <-bar with 3rd fingere</pre>