



JoniMitchell.com Transcription for Guitar

Eastern Rain

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BF#BF#BF#, 'Joni' Tuning: B75757

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Unreleased song. This version is from the 1967 Gene Shay radio show where she demonstrates the song for Gene and Gordon Lightfoot. I later found out that this song was played in Open G with Capo on 5. See Marian Russell's tab for that version.

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Note: Joni uses the overhand bar method on the third and the fifth fret: barring the first five strings and leaving the top string open.

Intro riff twice:

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F#---7---9---7-----7---9--7-----7-----|
B----7-----7-----7-----7-----7-----|
F#---7-----7---7-----7-----7-----|
B----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----|
F#-----7-----7-----7-----7-----7-----|
B-----7-----7-----7-----7-----7-----|

F#---5---7---5-----5---7--5-----7-----|
B----5-----5-----5-----5-----5-----|
F#---5-----5---5-----5-----5-----|
B----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----|
F#-----7-----7-----7-----7-----7-----|
B-----7-----7-----7-----7-----7-----|

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F#----0-----|
B----0----4-5--7-7--5-4-5--1--0--0--0-----|
F#----0----0-0--0-0--0-0-0--0--0--1--0-----|
B----0----0-0--0-0--0-0-0--0--0--0--0-----|
F#----0-----1--0-----|
B----0-----|

Away now ...

F#-----0-----0--0-----0-----|
B-----3-----3--3--3-----3--3-----|
F#-----3-----3-----3-----3-----|
B-----3---3-----3---3-----|
F#-----3-----3-----|
B---0---3-----3-----|

Until the rain is done I say

F#----0-----|
B----0----4-5--7-7--5-4-5--5--5-----|
F#----0----0-0--0-0--0-0-0--0--0-----|
B----0----0-0--0-0--0-0-0--0--0-----|
F#----0-----|
B----0-----|

I'll stay now ...

F#----0-----|
B----0----4-5--7-7--5-4-5--5--5-----|
F#----0----0-0--0-0--0-0-0--0--0-----|
B----0----0-0--0-0--0-0-0--0--0-----|
F#----0-----|
B----0-----|

Verse 2 (same as 1):

Rain outside but inside
We don't mind at all
Shadows from the fire
Slowly climb and fall
Kisses fade and leave no trace
Whispers vanish into space
The dawn will lead me on a chase
To nowhere ...
I cry as if I were the first to go there.

Chorus:

F#-----0-----0---0-----0-----|
B-----5-----5--5---5-----5--5-----|
F#-----5-----5-----5-----5-----|
B-----5---5-----5---5-----|
F#-----5-----5-----5-----|
B---0---5-----5-----|

And I know I shouldn't be here ...

F#-----0-----0---0-----0-----|
B-----3-----3--3---3-----3--3-----|
F#-----3-----3-----3-----3-----|
B-----3---3-----3---3-----|
F#-----3-----3-----3-----|
B---0---3-----3-----|

Yes, I know I should go home ...

F#-----0----0--0-----0-----|
B-----0----7--7-----7-----|
F#-----0----7--7-----7-----|
B-----0-----0----0-----|
F#-----0-----0----0-----|
B---0--0-----0----0-----|

But that eastern rain

F#-----0----0--0-----0-----|
B-----5----5--5-----5-----|
F#-----5----5--5-----5-----|
B-----0-----0----0-----|
F#-----0-----0----0-----|
B---0--0-----0----0-----|

drones in my brain ...

F#-----0-----0--0-----0-----|
B-----3-----3--3--3-----3--3-----|
F#-----3-----3-----3--3-----|
B-----3--3-----3--3-----|
F#-----3-----3-----|
B---0--3-----3-----|

And I'm so all alone ...

F#----0-----|
B----0----4-5--7-7--5-4-5--5-5-----|
F#----0----0-0--0-0--0-0-0--0-0-----|
B----0----0-0--0-0--0-0-0--0-0-----|
F#----0-----|
B----0-----|

so all alone ...

F#----0-----|
 B----0----4-5--7-7--5-4-5--5--5-----|
 F#----0----0-0--0-0--0-0-0--0--0-----|
 B----0----0-0--0-0--0-0-0--0--0-----|
 F#----0-----|
 B----0-----|

Verse 3 (same as 2):

Morning comes up from the east
 We watch it come
 And far away now rolls the ancient
 Rain God's drum
 You with daybreak in your eyes
 Afraid to speak for telling lies
 I watch you search for some reply
 To lend me ...
 But when the rain is done
 There's no pretending ...

Repeat Chorus with this outro:

F#----0-----0--0-----|
 B----0-----4-5--7-7--5-4-5--1--0--0--0-----0-----|
 F#----0-----0-0--0-0--0-0-0--0--0--1--0h1--0h1-0-----0-----|
 B----0-----0-0--0-0--0-0-0--0--0--0--0-----0-----|
 F#----0-----1--0h1--0h1-0-----0-----|
 B----0-----0-----0-----|

so all alone ...