



Cool Water

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DAEGAD, 'Joni' Tuning: x77325

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There are several electric guitars playing in this track, and not all of them are Joni's. I think the two guitars panned far left and right are Joni's, and the guitars in the centre of the stereo image are played by someone else. The chords here are just for Joni's guitar part.

Joni uses a lot of upward strums on the top three or four open strings between chords, a favourite technique of hers. I've indicated most of these as xx0000 (I think of them as a kind of "punctuation" between chords). In most cases, these open strings should be left to ring on as the next chord is fingered.

To contrast with the open string chords, most of the shapes at the 5th and 7th fret (5554xx and 7776xx) are played without using the top open strings. Try adding an occasional open string to these shapes (as Joni does), but try and play most of them using just the bottom four strings.

INTRO

(Keyboard solo)

(Guitar starts at 00:36)

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D-----0-----
A-----0-----
G----2--0----1--1--1--1--1--1--1--2----2-----
E---2-----2--2--2--2--2--2--2--2---2-----
A-----2-----2-----0-----
D-----2-----2-----0-----

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(repeat above part once)

VERSE 1

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002200      xx0000      7776xx      xx0000
All day I face      the barren waste

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002200 xx0000 7776xx
Without a taste of water

002200 xx0000
Cool water

5554xx 550000 7776xx 770000
Old Dan and I, our throats slate dry

999xxx 999000 555400 002200 xx0000
Our spirits cry out for water

7776xx 999000 xx0000
Cool clear water

Note: for the chords on "Old Dan and I ...", and for equivalent sections of the other verses, Joni usually takes off the fingers that are fretting the middle two strings before playing the chord with the open strings. Exactly which fingers are removed can be varied, e.g you can play 5554xx 550000 or 5554xx 550400.

Sometimes it sounds as though the two guitars played by Joni do slightly different things here, so one might add the open strings without changing the chord at all (5554xx 555400). Try different variations here - the main thing is to contrast the chords that use only the bottom four strings with the fuller sound of the chords that also use the top open strings.

VERSE 2

002200 xx0000 7776xx xx0000
Keep on movin' Dan, some devils had a plan

002200 xx0000
Buried poison in the sand

7776xx xx0000 999000 xx0000
Don't drink it man, it's in the water

2221xx 002200 xx0000
Cool clear water

MIDDLE 8

5554xx 550000 7776xx 770000
In my mind I see a big green tree

 5554xx 550000
And a river flowin' free

7776xx 770000 999000 xx0000
Waitin' up ahead for you and me

2221xx 002200
Cool clear water

repeat intro riff:

D-----0-----
A-----0-----
G----2--0---1--1---1--1--1--1---
E---2-----2--2---2--2--2--2---
A-----2-----2-----
D-----2-----2-----

VERSE 3

002200 xx0000 7776xx xx0000
The nights are cool and I'm a fool

002200 xx0000 7776xx
Each star's a pool of water

 002200 xx0000
Cool water

5554xx 550000 7776xx 770000
But come the dawn we carry on

999xxx xx0000 555400 002200 xx0000
We won't last long without water

7776xx 999000 xx0000
Cool clear water

VERSE 4

002200 xx0000 7776xx xx0000
Keep on movin' Dan, we're still in no-man's land

002200 xx0000
Dry bones and sand

7776xx xx0000 999000 xx0000
People never planned here for water

2221xx 002200 xx0000
Cool clear water

MIDDLE 8

(It sounds like most of the open string strums on 5554xx
and 7776xx are done without removing any fingers this time).

5554xx 555400 7776xx 777600
In my mind I see a big green tree

5554xx 555400
And a river flowin' free

7776xx 770000 999000 xx0000
Waitin' up ahead for you and me

2221xx 002200
Cool clear water

D-----0-----
A-----0-----
G----2--0----1--1--1--1--1--1--1--
E---2-----2--2--2--2--2--2--
A-----2-----2-----
D-----2-----2-----

VERSE 5

002200 xx0000 7776xx xx0000
The shadows sway, they seem to say

002200 xx0000 7776xx
Tonight we pray for water

 002200 xx0000
Cool water

5554xx 550400 7776xx xx0000
And way up there, if you care

999000 555400
Please show us where

 002200 xx0000
There's good water

7776xx 999000 xx0000
Cool clear water

2221xx 002200 xx0000
Cool clear water

2221xx 002200 xx0000
Cool clear water

(repeat and fade)