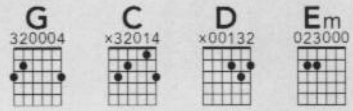
Brown-Eyed Girl

Words and music by Van Morrison, from *Blowin' Your Mind!*

"Brown-Eyed Girl" is one of Van Morrison's most popular songs and was such a big hit that it single-handedly established him as a soloist after his 1966 departure from the R&B-inspired rock group Them. Morrison's vocals and lyric style combine with producer Bert Berns' calypso arrangement to create the ultimate in carefree coming-of-age tunes. Try the two-measure strumming pattern below during the verses, and use any variation you're comfortable with for the chorus. If you've got a cutaway guitar, try the riff below over a G–C–G–D progression for the intro.

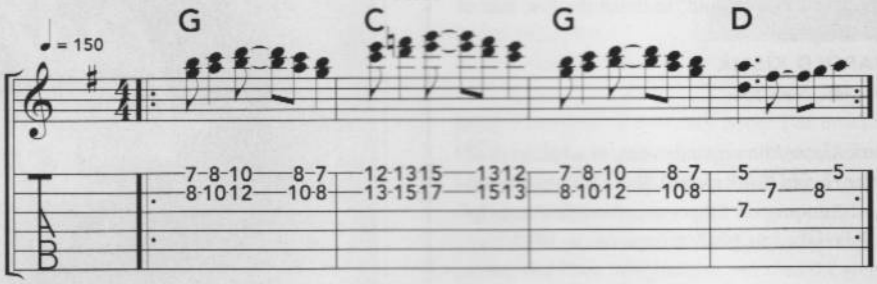
Chords



Strum Pattern

= down; ∨ = up

Riff



G C G D
1. Hey where did we go, days when the rains came

G C G D
Down in the hollow, playin' a new game

G C G D
Laughin' and a-runnin', hey, hey, skippin' and a-jumpin'

G C G
In the misty morning fog with our

D C D G Em
Hearts a-thumpin' and you, my brown-eyed girl

C D G D
You, my brown-eyed girl

G C G D
2. Now whatever happened to Tuesday and so slow

G C G D
Goin' down the old mine with a transistor radio

G C G D
Standin' in the sunlight laughin', hidin' behind a rainbow's wall

G C G D
Slippin' and a-slidin' all along the waterfall

C D G Em
With you, my brown-eyed girl

C D G
You, my brown-eyed girl

D G
Do you remember when we used to sing

Chorus
G C G D
Sha la la la la la la la la la la ti da

G C G D G
Sha la la la la la la la la la la ti da, la ti da

G C G D
3. So hard to find my way now that I'm all on my own

G C G D
I saw you just the other day, my how you have grown

G C
Cast my memory back there, Lord

G D
Sometimes I'm overcome thinkin' 'bout it

G C G D
Makin' love in the green grass behind the stadium

C D G Em
With you, my brown-eyed girl

C D G D
You, my brown-eyed girl

D G
Do you remember when we used to sing

Repeat Chorus two times and fade