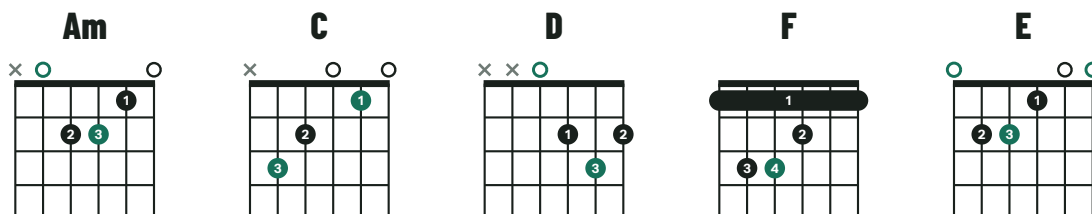


House of the Rising Sun Guitar Chords

The arpeggio song every beginner wants. Five chords, one picking pattern, and it sounds finished from the first run-through.

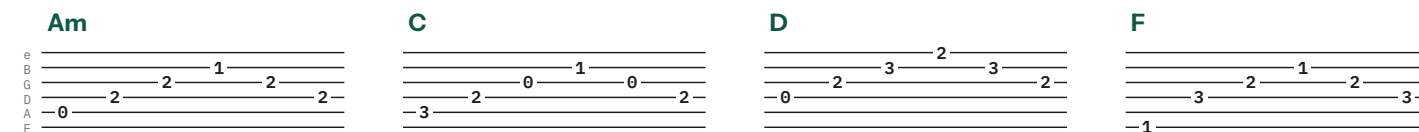
KEY **A minor** TIME **6/8** LEVEL **Improver** TEMPO **76 BPM** CHORDS **Am, C, D, F, E**



VERSE

Am C	1	D F	2	Am C	3	E E	4
Am C	5	D F	6	Am E	7	Am E	8

PICKING PATTERN (one bar of each chord)



How to learn it

1. Learn the five shapes on their own. Am and C you may already know. D and E are straightforward. F is the hard one, so use the alternative below until the barre is comfortable.
2. Play the pattern on Am alone, slowly, one note per count of six. Pick the notes cleanly rather than quickly.
3. Add C. Play four bars of Am, then four of C, keeping the right hand moving through the change.
4. Work through the chart two bars at a time. Am to C, then D to F, then back.
5. Put the whole eight-bar verse together at a slow tempo with the play-along, then raise the tempo.

Tips

The F is optional at first. Use Fmaj7 (xx3210) instead. It keeps the same feeling and needs three fingers rather than a barre. Let the notes ring. Do not lift your left hand between notes. The whole chord should be held while the right hand picks through it. Count out loud. Six per bar. Beginners rush bars three and four more than any other part of the song.

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