



# HOUND DOG – SONG STRUCTURE

Hound Dog is a great example of how a 12 Bar Blues structure was used to create a Rock N Roll vibe. The following song structure is based on the version released by Elvis Presley.

You will explore two separate parts to the song. The 1<sup>st</sup> part is the 12-bar blues strumming pattern with a shuffle rhythm and the second a picking pattern as follows:

Once you get used to picking this pattern you can pick the same three strings over each chord in the 12-bar sequence using the following alternative chord shapes:

12 BAR CHORDS: [C] [C] [C] [C] [F] [F] [C] [C] [G] [F] [C] [C↓]

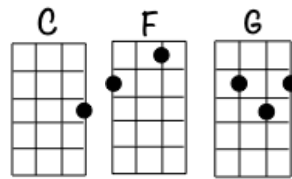
For the 12-bar strumming pattern you can add the 6<sup>th</sup> notes to make the song really rock as illustrated:

For the final bar of C you can try adding another blues note to beat 3 which is located on the 3<sup>rd</sup> fret of the G string as follows:



# HOUND DOG

[Leiber & Stoller, 1952]



KEY: C Major

TIME: 4/4

TEMPO: 160 BPM

RHYTHM: Blues Shuffle

1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 +  
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CH. You ain't nothin' but a [C] hound dog, cryin' all the time  
You ain't nothin' but a [F] hound dog, cryin' all the [C] time  
Well you ain't [G] never caught a rabbit  
And you [F] ain't no friend of [C] mine [C↓]

v1. Well they said you was [C] high-classed, well that was just a lie  
Yeah, they said you was [F] high-classed, well that was just a [C] lie  
Well you ain't [G] never caught a rabbit  
And you [F] ain't no friend of [C] mine [C↓]

CH. You ain't nothin' but a [C] hound dog, cryin' all the time  
You ain't nothin' but a [F] hound dog, cryin' all the [C] time  
Well you ain't [G] never caught a rabbit  
And you [F] ain't no friend of [C] mine [C↓]

SOLO 1. [C] [C] [C] [C] [F] [F] [C] [C] [G] [F] [C] [C↓]

v2. Well they said you was [C] high-classed, well that was just a lie  
Yeah they said you was [F] high-classed well, that was just a [C] lie  
Well you ain't [G] never caught a rabbit  
And you [F] ain't no friend of [C] mine [C↓]

SOLO 1. [C] [C] [C] [C] [F] [F] [C] [C] [G] [F] [C] [C↓]

v3. Well they said you was [C] high-classed, well that was just a lie  
Yeah they said you was [F] high-classed well, that was just a [C] lie  
Well you ain't [G] never caught a rabbit  
And you [F] ain't no friend of [C] mine [C↓]

CH. You ain't nothin' but a [C] hound dog, cryin' all the time  
You ain't nothin' but a [F] hound dog, cryin' all the [C] time  
Well you ain't [G] never caught a rabbit  
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