



SONG STRUCTURE: HOUND DOG

This song contains three major chords, C, F & G and one main strumming pattern known as the CALYPSO STRUM.

This song is based upon the 12 bar blues in the key of C and is also structured in STROPHIC FORM, so once you learn this 12-bar phrase (each 4 beats = 1 bar), you can repeat it for the duration of the song. The boxes below represent one bar.

The song is in 4/4-time signature which mean there are 4 beats to each bar so each strumming pattern represents one full bar.

<p>C</p> <p>1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + ↓ ↓ ↑ ↑ ↓ ↓ ↑ ↑</p> <p><u>1</u></p>	<p>C</p> <p>1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + ↓ ↓ ↑ ↑ ↓ ↓ ↑ ↑</p> <p><u>2</u></p>	<p>C</p> <p>1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + ↓ ↓ ↑ ↑ ↓ ↓ ↑ ↑</p> <p><u>3</u></p>	<p>C</p> <p>1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + ↓ ↓ ↑ ↑ ↓ ↓ ↑ ↑</p> <p><u>4</u></p>
<p>F</p> <p>1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + ↓ ↓ ↑ ↑ ↓ ↓ ↑ ↑</p> <p><u>5</u></p>	<p>F</p> <p>1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + ↓ ↓ ↑ ↑ ↓ ↓ ↑ ↑</p> <p><u>6</u></p>	<p>C</p> <p>1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + ↓ ↓ ↑ ↑ ↓ ↓ ↑ ↑</p> <p><u>7</u></p>	<p>C</p> <p>1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + ↓ ↓ ↑ ↑ ↓ ↓ ↑ ↑</p> <p><u>8</u></p>
<p>G</p> <p>1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + ↓ ↓ ↑ ↑ ↓ ↓ ↑ ↑</p> <p><u>9</u></p>	<p>F</p> <p>1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + ↓ ↓ ↑ ↑ ↓ ↓ ↑ ↑</p> <p><u>10</u></p>	<p>C</p> <p>1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + ↓ ↓ ↑ ↑ ↓ ↓ ↑ ↑</p> <p><u>11</u></p>	<p>C</p> <p>1 ↓</p> <p><u>12</u></p>

Once you learn this eight-bar pattern you can repeat it for all 6 sections of the song which looks like this:

- CHORUS (12 bars)
- VERSE 1 (12 bars)
- CHORUS (12 bars)
- SOLO (12 bars)
- VERSE 1 (12 bars)
- CHORUS (12 bars)

(See song sheet for lyrics)



HOUND DOG

[Elvis, 1956]

Key: C

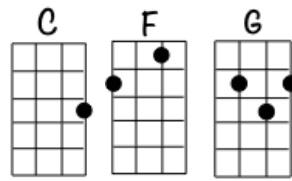
Tempo: 160

Time: 4/4

Rhythm:

1 + 2 + 3 + 4 +

↓ ↓ ↑ ↑ ↓ ↑



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. [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
You [F] ain't no friend of [C] mine [C]↓