



SONG STRUCTURE: THREE LITTLE BIRDS

This song has two 16 bar sections and a dynamic strumming patterns that accentuates beats 2 and 4 similar to a syncopated rhythm that you may find in reggae music and some country music.

Section A, (let's call this the Chorus) contains two chords, A & D major as follows:

1 A 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + ↓ ↓ ↑ ↓ ↓ ↑	2 A 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + ↓ ↓ ↑ ↓ ↓ ↑	3 A 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + ↓ ↓ ↑ ↓ ↓ ↑	4 A 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + ↓ ↓ ↑ ↓ ↓ ↑
5 D[open] 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + ↓ ↓ ↑ ↓ ↓ ↑	6 D[open] 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + ↓ ↓ ↑ ↓ ↓ ↑	7 A 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + ↓ ↓ ↑ ↓ ↓ ↑	8 A 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + ↓ ↓ ↑ ↓ ↓ ↑
9 A 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + ↓ ↓ ↑ ↓ ↓ ↑	10 A 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + ↓ ↓ ↑ ↓ ↓ ↑	11 A 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + ↓ ↓ ↑ ↓ ↓ ↑	12 A 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + ↓ ↓ ↑ ↓ ↓ ↑
13 D[open] 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + ↓ ↓ ↑ ↓ ↓ ↑	14 D[open] 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + ↓ ↓ ↑ ↓ ↓ ↑	15 A 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + ↓ ↓ ↑ ↓ ↓ ↑	16 A 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + ↓ ↓ ↑ ↓ ↓ ↑

Section B (the verse sections) contains three chords, including A, D major and E7 with bars 13 & 14 containing down strums only on beats 1 and 3 of the D major chords as follows:

1 A 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + ↓ ↓ ↑ ↓ ↓ ↑	2 A 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + ↓ ↓ ↑ ↓ ↓ ↑	3 E7 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + ↓ ↓ ↑ ↓ ↓ ↑	4 E7 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + ↓ ↓ ↑ ↓ ↓ ↑
5 A 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + ↓ ↓ ↑ ↓ ↓ ↑	6 A 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + ↓ ↓ ↑ ↓ ↓ ↑	7 D[open] 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + ↓ ↓ ↑ ↓ ↓ ↑	8 D[open] 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + ↓ ↓ ↑ ↓ ↓ ↑
9 A 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + ↓ ↓ ↑ ↓ ↓ ↑	10 A 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + ↓ ↓ ↑ ↓ ↓ ↑	11 E7 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + ↓ ↓ ↑ ↓ ↓ ↑	12 E7 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + ↓ ↓ ↑ ↓ ↓ ↑
13 D[open] 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + ↓ ↓	14 D[open] 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + ↓ ↓	15 A 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + ↓ ↓ ↑ ↓ ↓ ↑	16 A 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + ↓ ↓ ↑ ↓ ↓ ↑

On the song sheet, the chords for bars 13 & 14 are highlighted in Green so that you can easily spot them.



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[Bob Marley, 1977]

KEY: A Major

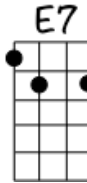
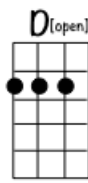
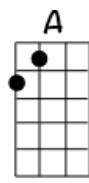
TIME: 4/4

TEMPO: 120BPM

RHYTHM: Syncopated

1 + 2 + 3 + 4 +

↓ ↓ ↑ ↓ ↑ ↓ ↑



[D*] ↓ 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 +
↓

CH. Don't [A] worry about a thing
'Cause [D] every little thing, is gonna be all [A] right
Singing don't [A] worry, about a thing
'Cause [D] every little thing, is gonna be all [A] right

v1. Rise-up this [A] morning, smiled with the [E7] rising sun
Three little [A] birds pitch by my [D] doorstep
Singing [A] sweet songs of melodies [E7] pure and true
Saying, [D*] this is my message to [A] you-ou-ou

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