

Johnny B Goode

Chuck Berry

Chords throughout song

A	A	A	A
D	D	A	A
E	E	A	A

Various techniques are used in this song

1) Rock and roll rhythm guitar can be played like this:

Play this over A major

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e |-----|-----|
B |-----|-----|
G |-----|-----|
D |22422242|22422242|
A |00000000|00000000|
E |-----|-----|
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Play this over D major

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e |-----|-----|
B |-----|-----|
G |22422242|22422242|
D |00000000|00000000|
A |-----|-----|
E |-----|-----|
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Play this over E major

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e |-----|-----|
B |-----|-----|
G |-----|-----|
D |-----|-----|
A |22422242|22422242|
E |00000000|00000000|
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2) Play this lick over the choruses ("Go go go Johnny go...")

It works over all three chords

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e |--33335-|-----|
B |--55557-|-----|
G |-----|-----|
D |-----|-----|
A |-----|-----|
E |-----|-----|
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The well known recording by Chuck Berry is approximately in the key of Bb, but this song sheet describes it in the commonly used key of A.

3) Simple rock and roll bass line. Guitarists should learn this too!

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      A      A      A      A      D      D
G |-----|-----|-----|-----|-----4|-7-4-----|
D |-----4|-7-4-----|-----4|-7-4-----|---4-7--|-----7-4|
A |---4-7--|-----7-4|---4-7--|-----7-4|-5-----|-----|
E |-5-----|-----|-5-----|-----|-----|-----|
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      A      A      E      E      A      A
G |-----|-----|-----6|-9-6-----|-----|-----|
D |-----4|-7-4-----|---6-9--|-----9-6|-----4|-7-4-----|
A |---4-7--|-----7-4|-7-----|-----|---4-7--|-----7-4|
E |-5-----|-----|-----|-----|-5-----|-----|
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4) This is the famous intro played by Chuck.

A

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e -----|4s555-4s555-4s55|-----|-----|-----|
B ----5-7|4s555-4s555-4s55|8-7-5-----|-----|5-5-7-5-----|
G 4h5----|-----|-----5h6-----|-----|6-6-6-6-4-----|
D -----|-----|-----7-5---|7-7-7-7-7-7-7-|-----7-4---|
A -----|-----|-----7-|7-7-7-7-7-7-7-|-----7-|
E -----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
    
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           D                               A
e |-----|-----5-|-----|-----5-|
B |3s5-5-3s5-5-3s5-5|3s5-5-3s5--5-|3s5-5-3s5-5-3s5-5|3s5-5-3s5--5-|
G |-----|-----|-----|-----|
D |-----|-----|-----|-----|
A |-----|-----|-----|-----|
E |-----|-----|-----|-----|
    
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           E                               D                               A
e |----5-----7-5-|-----r5--|-----5---5-----|-----|
B |5-----8-7-5-----|8-7-5-----r5-8-|7-5-4s5-4s5-----|-----|
G |-----|-----7-6-r6-----|-----7-6-|-----|
D |-----|-----|-----|7-7-7-7-----|
A |-----|-----|-----|--7-7-7-----|
E |-----|-----|-----|-----|
    
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Way down in Louisiana close to New Orleans
 Way back up in the woods among the evergreens
 There stood a log cabin mad of earth and wood
 Where lived a country boy name of Johnny B. Goode
 He never ever learned to read or write so well
 But he could play a guitar just like a-ringin a bell

Well his mama told him some day you will be a man
 You will be the leader of a big old band
 Many people comin from miles around
 Just to hear you play your music till the sun go down
 Maybe some day your name will be in lights
 Sayin Johnny B. Goode tonight

Chorus

Go, go, go Johnny go
 Go, go Johnny go
 Go, go Johnny go
 Go, go Johnny go
 Go Johnny B. Goode

Chorus

He used to carry his guitar in a gunny sack
 Go sit beneath the tree by the railroad track
 The engineers would see him sittin in the shade
 Strummin to the rhythm that the drivers made
 People passing by would they would stop and say
 Oh my but that little country boy can play

Chorus