Wild Horses – The Rolling Stones

Strumming Pattern: There are actually a few overall strumming patterns here.

The first one is just: D, D, DUUD, D, DU which is played during all Bm - G progressions.

The second one is: D, D, DU, DDD, DU and is played during the Am, which then moves into the next pattern.

On every C - D and D - C quick change you can play: DDD, DU, then DUDD, DU where (DDD, DU = C) and (DUDD, DU = D).

This also works from D - C, and is loosely played during the G - F - C in the chorus.

Now, you want the completely easy way of playing it instead of getting all crazy with confusing strumming patterns?

Simply strum: DDD, DU the ENTIRE time. It will change the feel of the song a bit, but not by too much. This is one of the reasons I am against strumming patterns. It's Keith Richards. He plays all sorts of strumming techniques. We just need to follow along by using the chords as they appear. Nine times out of ten when you just focus on the chord changes and "keep it simple" then you'll create your own without even noticing it. Always remember that the chord names above the lyrics are designed to eliminate the need for strumming patterns.

Intro: Bm – G (x2)

Bm          G     Bm         G
Childhood living, is easy to do
Am          C   D  G              D  C
The things that you wanted, I bought them for you
Bm          G     Bm         G
Graceless lady, you know who I am
Am          C   D  G              D  C
You know I can't let you, slide from my hand

Am          C   D  G              F   C
Wild horses, couldn't drag me away
Am          C   D  G              F   C
Wild wild horses, couldn't drag me away

Bm          G     Bm         G
I watched you suffer, a dull aching pain
Am          C   D  G              D  C
Now you've decided, to show me the same
Bm          G     Bm         G
No sweeping exits, or offstage lines
Am          C   D  G              D  C
Can make me feel bitter, or treat you unkind

Am          C   D  G              F   C
Wild horses, couldn't drag me away
Am          C   D  G              F   C
Wild wild horses, couldn't drag me away
Bm       G       Bm       G
Faith has been broken, tears must be cried
Am       C       D       G       D
Let's do some living, after we die
Am       C       D       G       F       C
Wild horses, couldn't drag me away
Am       C       D       G       F       C
Wild wild horses, couldn't drag me away
Am       C       D       G       F       C
Wild horses, couldn't drag me away
Am       C       D       G       F       C       G
Wild wild horses, we'll ride them some day.