Paint It Black – The Rolling Stones

Strumming Pattern: ALL downstrokes throughout, with the exception of each change back into Dm, where you can do a little DU real quick.

Chords Used:

Dm: xx0231
A: x02220
C: x32010
F: 133211
G: 320033 (or 355433)

Tempo: about 135 bpm

Notes: As you can expect, there is a lead guitar here. It was rather challenging to mix these two parts together in the FULL recording, but I got the overall concept down. The details on the lead part are explained in the “additional guitar parts” file. This is the basic chord version.

Capo: Fret 2

Intro: Dm (strum twice)

(Dm) A
I see a red door and I want it painted black
No colors anymore, I want them to turn black
Dm C F C Dm
I see the girls walk by dressed in their summer clothes
Dm C F C G A
I have to turn my head until my darkness goes

Dm A
I see a line of cars and they're all painted black
With flowers and my love, both never to come back
Dm C F C Dm
I see people turn their heads and quickly look away
Dm C F C G A
Like a newborn baby it just happens ev'ryday

Dm A
I look inside myself and see my heart is black
I see my red door I must have it painted black
Dm C F C Dm
Maybe then I'll fade away and not have to face the facts
Dm C F C G A
It's not easy facing up when your whole world is black
No more will my green sea go turn a deeper blue
I could not foresee this thing happening to you
If I look hard enough into the setting sun
My love will laugh with me before the morning comes

I see a red door and I want it painted black
No colors anymore, I want them to turn black
I see the girls walk by dressed in their summer clothes
I have to turn my head until my darkness goes

(Dm – A x4 repeated with "mmmhhmmmm" over and over)

<the part below is just me adlibbing, as Jagger changes the lyrics throughout different performances>

I want to see it painted black – painted black! Black as night – black as coal!
I wanna see the sun blotted out from the sky.
I want to see you painted, painted, painted, painted black, yea

(end on Dm at some point when you're ready)