

## Oh Very Young – Cat Stevens (abridged)

Strumming Pattern: Really there isn't much full strumming happening. The only time real strumming comes into play is at the beginning of "they will vanish" and "will you carry" - but – unless you have a really good idea on how this song goes I recommend practicing a BUNCH. The changes are really awkward.

The overall strumming pattern is: D, DU, UDU until.....

D x UU x x DU x UU  
A D A

they will vanish away like your Dad's best jeans denim...

D D U D DU D, DU, UDU  
D A D

blue, fading up to the sky.

Chords Used:

A

E A E A C# E

D

A D A D F#

D

A D A D F#

E

E B E A B E

OR

Gbm / F#m

F# C# F# A C# F#

A7

E A E G C# E

B

F# B F# B E F#

E7

E B D A B E

Intro: A

D E F#m D E

Oh very young what will you leave us this time

A D

You're only dancing on this earth for a short while

E

and though your dreams may toss and turn you now...

A D A

they will vanish away like your Dad's best jeans denim...

D A D

blue, fading up to the sky.

A                  A7                  D      B      E  
and though you want him to last forever you know he never will.  
                  D      B      E  
(you know he never will)

                                  E7                  A  
and the patches make the goodbye harder still.

E  A - E - A (hold)

(A)                  D                  E                  F#m  D  E  
Oh very young what will you leave us this time  
                                  A                  D  
There'll never be a better chance to change your mind

                                  E  
and if you want this world to see a brighter day

                  A                  D                  A  
will you carry the words of love with you

                  D                  A                  D  
will you ride the great white bird into heaven

                  A                  A7                  D      B      E  
and though you want to last forever you know you never will.  
                  D      B      E  
(you know you never will)

                                  E7                  A  
and the goodbye makes the journey harder still.

E  A - E - A (hold)

(A)                  D                  E                  F#m  D  E  
Oh very young what will you leave us this time  
                                  A                  D  
You're only dancing on this earth for a short while  
                                  E                  A  
Oh very young what will you leave us this time?