

Taxi – Harry Chapin

Fingerstyle Pattern: All of the picked out parts are just arpeggios. Focus only on the higher strings. Since you're picking out D and Am7 this shouldn't be too difficult. The strumming parts are easy in this if you know the song. There's not much to it.

Chords Used:

D

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OR

Am7

C

Bb / A#

G

Em

Bm

E7

Am

D – Am7 (x4)

D Am7 D Am7 D Am7 D Am7
 It was raining hard in Frisco, I needed one more fare to make my night...
 D Am7 D Am7 C Bb D – Am7 (x2)
 A lady up ahead waved to flag me down and she got in at the light.
 D Am7 D Am7 D Am7 D Am7
 Where are you going my lady blue, it's a shame you ruined you gown in the rain..
 D Am7 D Am7 C Bb D – Am7 (x2)
 She just looked out the window, she said sixteen parkside lane.

C - Bb - D

(D) Am7 D Am7 D Am7 D Am7
Something about her was familiar, I could swear I seen that face before...
D Am7 D Am7 C Bb D - Am7 (x2)
But she said I'm sure you're mistaken, and she didn't say anything more.
D Am7 D Am7 D Am7
It took a while but she looked in the mirror and she glanced at the license
D Am7 D Am7 D Am7 C Bb
for my name. A smile seemed to come to her slowly, it was a sad smile just
D
the same.

G D C G D
And she said how are you Harry, I said How are you Sue,
G Em D Bm C
Through the too many miles and two little smiles I still--- remember you.

D - Am7 (x4)

D Am7 D Am7 D Am7 D Am7
It was somewhere in a fairy tale, I used to take her home in my car,
D Am7 D Am7 C Bb
We learned about love in the back of a Dodge, the lessons hadn't gone too
D
Far.

G Em D Bm
You see she was gonna be an actress, and I was gonna learn to fly
G Bm C Bb D (hold)
She took off to find the footlights, I took off to find the sky

Bridge - build C Major for key change four measures)

(C) Bm E7
I've got something inside me, to drive a princess blind,
(E7) Am D Em
There's a wild man wizard he's hiding in me, illuminatin' my mind.
C Bm E7
I've got something inside me, not what my life's about
(E7) Am C Bb D - Am7 (x4)
'Cause I've been letting my outside tide me over til' my time runs out.

D Am7 D Am7 D Am7 D Am7
There was not much more for us to talk about, whatever we once had was gone.
D Am7 D Am7 D C Bb
So I turned my cab into the driveway, past the gate and the fine trimmed
D - Am7 (x2)
lawn.

D Am7 D Am7 D Am7 D Am7
And she said we must get together, but I knew it'd never be arranged
D Am7 D Am7 C Bb
So she hand me twenty dollar for a two fifty fare and said Harry, Keep the
D - Am7 (x2)(start strumming)
change.

D Am7 D Am7 D Am7 D Am7
Well another man might've been angry, and another man might've been hurt.
D Am7 D Am7 C Bb D
But another man never would have let her go, I stashed the bill in my shirt.

G Em D Bm
And we walked away in silence, it's strange how you never know,

G D Bm G D - Am7 (x2)
 But we'd both gotten what we'd asked for, such a long, long, time ago.
 D Am7 D Am7 D Am7 D Am7
 You see she was gonna be an actress, and I was gonna learn to fly,
 D Am7 D Am7 C Bb D
 She took off to find the footlights, I took off for the sky.
 G D C G D
 And here's she's acting happy, inside her handsome home,
 G D Bm C Bb D-Am7 (x2)
 and me I fly in my taxi, taking tips and getting' stoned
 G A D-Am7 (x3) end on D
 I go flyin' so high, when I'm stoned.