

Heart of Gold – Neil Young

Tuning: Standard

Strumming Pattern: (see below)

Theme 1 (Em7 – D – Em) – DDDDDD, DU, D, DU, UD, D, DD, DU

example (“switching” refers to open string during the move from D – Em):

chords: Em7 D (switching) Em

strums: DDDDDD, DU, D, DU, UD.....D, DD, DU

Theme 2 (verse: Em – C – D – G) – this is just DDD, DU except for the D – G at the end of each vocal phrase, such as “I’ve been a miner for a heart of gold.” The D – G there is a bit of an added DU like this:

Em	C	D	G
DDD, DU, DDD, DU	DDD, DU	DDD, DU	DDD, DU
I wanna	live,	I wanna	give,

Em	C	D	G
DDD, DU, DDD, DU	D, DU	D, DD, DU	D, DD, DU
I’ve been a	miner for a	heart of	gold.

Tempo: 80 bpm

Chords Used:

Em7 D D Em

Em7: E B E G D E. Fingering: 2, 3, 4. III V

D: A D A D F#. Fingering: 1, 2, 3. III V

D: A D A D F#. Fingering: 1, 1, 2. III V

Em: E B E G B E. Fingering: 2, 3. III V

C G G

C: E C E G C E. Fingering: 1, 2, 3. III V

G: G B D G D G. Fingering: 1, 2, 3, 4. III V

G: G D G B D G. Fingering: 3, 1, 2, 3, 4. III V

OR

AND

Riff Used:

This riff is weird but very easy. Here is the tab for it:

You'll want to play the G BARRE chord before playing this riff. You then can play the G open version.

Intro: Em7 – D – Em (x2) | Em – C – D – G (x3) | Em7 – D – Em

Verse:

Em C D G Em C D G
I want to live, I want to give, I've been a miner for a heart of gold.
Em C D G Em G
It's these expressions I never give, that keeps me searching for a heart of gold.
(riff) G
And I'm getting' old.....
Em G (riff) G
Keeps me searching for a heart of gold.....and I'm getting' old.

Em – C – D – G (x3) | Em7 – D – Em

Em C D G Em C D G
I've been to Hollywood, I've been to Redwood, I've crossed the ocean for a heart of gold.
Em C D G Em G
I've been in my mind, it's such a fine line, that keeps me searching for a heart of gold.
(riff) G
And I'm getting' old.....
Em G (riff) G
Keeps me searching for a heart of gold.....and I'm getting' old.

Em – C – D – G (x3) ← this is a harmonica solo.

Em7 D Em
Keep me searching for a heart of gold
Em7 D Em
You keep me searching and I'm growing old

