

Rocky Mountain High – John Denver

Strumming Pattern: D, DU, UDU

Chords Used:

The image shows five guitar chord diagrams with fingerings:

- D:** x 0 0 2 3 2. Chords listed below: A D A D F#.
- D:** x 0 0 2 1 1. Chords listed below: A D A D F#.
- Em:** 0 2 3 0 0 0. Chords listed below: E B E G B E.
- G:** 0 0 0 2 3 4. Chords listed below: G B D G D G.
- A:** 0 2 3 4 0 0. Chords listed below: E A E A C# E.
- C:** 0 2 3 1 0 0. Chords listed below: E C E G C E.

Note: Denver didn't sing the phrase "Colorado" during the chorus. His backup singers did. I know why now. It is REALLY hard to get that word in the chorus, so I just didn't do it. The word comes in at an awkward place in the song.

Capo II

Intro: D - Em - G - A (x2)

D Em C A
 He was born in the summer, of his twenty seventh year;
 D Em G A
 Coming home to a place he'd never been before
 D
 He left yesterday behind him,
 Em C A
 you might say he was born again
 D Em G A
 You might say he found a key for every door
 D Em C A
 When he first came to the mountains, his life was far away;
 D Em G A
 On the road and hanging by a song
 D Em C A
 But the string's already broken, and he doesn't really care;
 D Em G A
 It keeps changing fast, and it don't last for long

G A D
 But the Colorado Rocky Mountain high
 G A D
 I've seen it raining fire in the sky
 G A D A G (hold)
 The shadow from the starlight is softer than a lullaby
 D Em G A
 Rocky Mountain high, Colorado
 D Em G A
 Rocky Mountain high, Colorado

D Em C A
 He climbed cathedral mountains, he saw silver clouds below;
 D Em G A
 he saw everything as far as you can see
 D
 And they say that he got crazy once,
 Em C A
 and he tried to touch the sun;
 D Em G A
 And he lost a friend but kept the memory
 D Em C A
 Now he walks in quiet solitude, the forests and the streams;
 D Em G A
 seeking grace in every step he takes
 D Em C A
 His sight has turned inside himself to try and understand;
 D Em G A
 the serenity of a clear blue mountain lake

G A D
 And the Colorado Rocky Mountain high
 G A D
 I've seen it raining fire in the sky
 G A D A G (hold)
 talk to God and listen to the casual reply
 D Em G A
 Rocky Mountain high, Colorado
 D Em G A
 Rocky Mountain high, Colorado

D
 Now his life is full of wonder,
 Em C A
 but his heart still knows some fear;
 D Em G A
 of a simple thing he cannot comprehend
 D
 Why they try to tear the mountains down,
 Em C A
 To bring in a couple more;
 D Em G A
 more people, more scars upon the land

G A D
 And the Colorado Rocky Mountain high
 G A D
 I've seen it raining fire in the sky
 G A D A G (hold)
 I know he'd be a poorer man if he never saw an eagle fly
 D Em G A
 Rocky Mountain high, Colorado

Rocky Mountain high, Colorado
And the Colorado Rocky Mountain high
I've seen it raining fire in the sky
Friends around the campfire and everybody's high
Rocky Mountain high, Colorado
Rocky Mountain high, Colorado