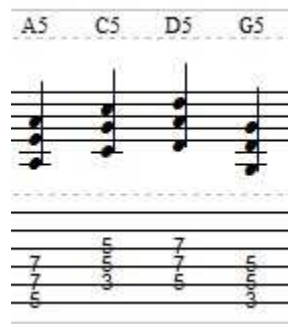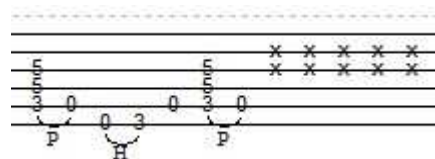Gimme Back My Bullets - Lynyrd Skynyrd

Strumming Pattern: D, U, D, U, D, U, D, U (I know it seems different, but it's the extra stuff I added. The actual pattern is just down, up over and over.)

Important Notes: This one is actually high on improv. There are a bunch of elements that really set this song up. Instead of making it too complex, I've performed a large number of percussive slides from nowhere. What I mean by this is that you can move from the 12th fret up to AROUND the starting position for the next chord to 'fill out' some of the intricate guitar parts that are usually in this song. The actual riff being played around the C power chord is really just a C power chord 'pulled-off' so that the third fret note (the C note) is played open. You can also alternate between playing the 0-3 hammer-on on both the Low E and A strings. This one will require a GREAT deal of practice to sing and play. It's not hard – it's just tricky.

These are just the chords, so pay no attention to the note values.

Riff (this is really just a C5):

Intro - Riff (above)

Verse:

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  A5        C5              D5            A5
Life is so strange when its changin', yes indeed
    A5              C5            G5              A5
Well, I've seen the hard times and the pressure's been on me
 A5           C5            D5        A5
But I keep on workin' like the workin' man do
   A5          C5              G5            A5
And I've got my act together, gonna walk all over you
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              (Riff)        D5
Gimme back my bullets
                    C5                    A5
        Put 'em back where they belong
 G5           D5              C5     G5    A5
Ain't foolin' around cause I done had my fun
 G5           D5       C5      G5        A5
Ain't gonna see no more damage done
              (Riff)   D5 – A5
Gimme back my bullets


Riff (C5) – D5 – A5


A5              C5                  D5          A5
Sweet talkin' people done ran me out of town
        A5           C5             G5           A5
And I drank enough whiskey to float a battleship around
A5                C5         D5              A5
But I'm leavin' this game one step ahead of you
A5                C5              G5              A5
And you will not hear me cry cause I do not sing the blues


              (Riff)   D5
Gimme back my bullets
              C5                      A5
        Put 'em back where they belong
 G5           D5              C5     G5    A5
Ain't foolin' around cause I done had my fun
 G5           D5       C5      G5        A5
Ain't gonna see no more damage done
                        (Riff)  D5
Gimme back, gimme back my bullets
                    C5                      A5
        Oh, put 'em back where they belong


D5 - C5  (riff) – A5 – D5 – C5 (riff)


A5           C5              D5          A5
Been up and down since I turned seventeen
A5              C5                  G5              A5
Well I've been on top, and then it seems I lost my dream
A5           C5              D5              A5
But I got it back, I'm feelin' better every day
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A5              C5                    G5              A5
Tell all those pencil pushers, better get out of my way


                    (Riff)  D5
Gimme back my bullets
                  C5              A5
      Put 'em back where they belong
 G5          D5              C5  G5    A5
Ain't foolin' around cause I done had my fun
G5          D5              C5  G5    A5
Ain't foolin' around cause I done had my fun! (BREAK!)
                (Riff)  D5  A5
Gimme back my bullets   (x2)
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