

Volcano – Jimmy Buffett

Tempo: 92 bpm

Strumming Pattern: Ok, so here it goes....

The overall theme of the strumming is: D, DU, UD, D, UU and then the same pattern again but at the END of this pattern instead play DD. In other words, here is the full pattern:

D, DU, UD, D, UU **XX** | D, DU, UD, D, DD **XX**

The x's indicate full mutes – so no chord is played. You can strum the X's in any combination. I recommend DU.

This pattern will work for mostly the entire song. There might be a few spots that trip you up a little but with a little practice you'll slide through it. Notably the "I don't know where I'ma gonna go when the volcano blow(s)." This is tricky – but the pattern WILL work.

Optional Intro Riff:

I found it too confusing to play this riff and then move into the actual song, so I have only included it as an option. If you have another band mate (or just want to learn it) then it is included here:

The notes are transcribed from a steel drum. These are NOT the chords – just the notes played in the song.

Chords Used:

Intro (chorus theme) : F – C7 | F – Bb | F – C7 – F

Chorus:

F C7
I don't know, I don't know...
F Bb
I don't know where I'm a gonna go
F C7 F
When the vol-cano blow

(F) Bb F
Ground she's movin' under me
Bb F
Tidal waves out on the sea
Bb F
Sulphur smoke up in the sky
Bb F
Pretty soon we learn to fly

Chorus:

F C7
I don't know, I don't know...
F Bb
I don't know where I'm a gonna go
F C7 F
When the vol-cano blow

(F) Bb F
My girl quickly say to me
Bb F
Mon' you better watch your feet
Bb F
Lava come down soft and hot
Bb F
You better lava me now or lava me not

Chorus:

F C7
I don't know, I don't know...
F Bb
I don't know where I'm a gonna go
F C7 F
When the vol-cano blow

