

American Girl by Tom Petty

Strumming Pattern: D, D, DUDU

The image displays six guitar chord diagrams arranged in two rows of three. Each diagram shows a six-string guitar fretboard with fingerings (1-4) and strumming directions (III for down, V for up).

- D:** Fretboard with an 'x' on the 6th string. Fingering: 1 on 2nd fret, 2 on 3rd fret, 3 on 4th fret. Strumming: III, V.
- E7:** Fretboard with an 'o' on the 6th string. Fingering: 1 on 1st fret, 2 on 2nd fret. Strumming: III, V.
- G:** Fretboard with 'o's on the 6th and 5th strings. Fingering: 1 on 3rd fret, 2 on 2nd fret, 3 on 4th fret, 4 on 5th fret. Strumming: III, V.
- A:** Fretboard with an 'o' on the 6th string. Fingering: 2 on 2nd fret, 3 on 3rd fret, 4 on 4th fret. Strumming: III, V.
- Bm:** Fretboard with an 'x' on the 6th string. Fingering: 1 on 2nd fret, 2 on 3rd fret, 3 on 4th fret, 4 on 5th fret. Strumming: III, V.
- Em:** Fretboard with 'o's on the 6th and 5th strings. Fingering: 2 on 2nd fret, 3 on 3rd fret. Strumming: III, V.

Verse 1

{D}Well she was an {E7}American girl.  
 {G}Raised on {A}promises  
 {D}She couldn't help {E7}thinking that there was  
 a {G}little more to life {A}somewhere else  
 After all it was a {D}great big world  
 {G}with lots of places to {Em}run to  
 {A}And if she had to die tryin' she had one little promise she was gonna keep

Chorus

{G}Oh yeah, {A} alright, {D}take it easy baby {Bm}make it last all night {G}  
 She was {A} an American {D}girl

Verse 2

{D}Well it was kinda {E7}cold that night  
 {G}She stood alone on the {A}balcony  
 {D}Yeah, she could hear the {E7}cars roll by,  
 {G}out on four-forty one like {A}waves crashing on the beach  
 And for one des'rate {D}moment there  
 {G}he crept back in her {Em}memory  
 {A}God it's so painful when something that's so close is still so far to reach.

(Chorus repeat)