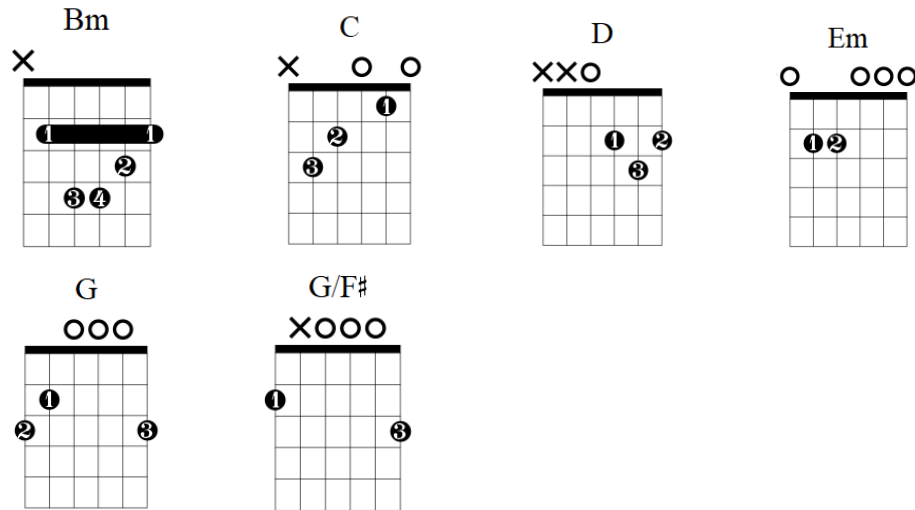


The Weight by The Band

Time: 4/4 (7/4 at the end of the choruses) Key: G Tempo: 71bpm



Easy Strumming:

|G Bm | |C G |
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My Strumming I like:

|G Bm |
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Player Notes:

The song is a little more intermediate in that we have a Bm barre chord, the chords are only 1 or 2 bars each, and we have some walk downs at the ends of the choruses which all add up to one good time!

Intro: G

Verse:

|G Bm| |C G |
 I pulled into Nazareth, I was feelin' about half past dead;
 |G Bm| |C G|
 I just need some place where I can lay my head.

|G Bm| |C G|
 "Hey, mister, can you tell me where a man might find a bed?"
 |G Bm| |C G|
 He just grinned and shook my hand, "No!", was all he said.

Chorus:

|G D C - | |G D C -|
 Take a load off Fannie, take a load for free;
 |G D C - | C (hold 7 beats--a measure of 4/4 and a measure of 3/4)
 Take a load off Fannie, And (and) (and) you can put the load right on me.

| G G/F# Em D | C

Verse:

|G Bm| |C G |
 I picked up my bag, I went lookin' for a place to hide;
 |G Bm| |C G |
 When I saw Carmen and the Devil walkin' side by side.
 |G Bm| |C G |
 I said, "Hey, Carmen, come on, let's go downtown."
 |G Bm| |C G |
 She said, "I gotta go, but my friend can stick around."

Chorus:

|G D C - | |G D C -|
 Take a load off Fannie, take a load for free;
 |G D C - | C (hold 7 beats--a measure of 4/4 and a measure of 3/4)
 Take a load off Fannie, And (and) (and) you can put the load right on me.

| G G/F# Em D | C

Verse:

|G Bm| |C G |
 Go down, Miss Moses, there's nothin' you can say
 |G Bm| |C G |
 It's just ol' Luke, and Luke's waitin' on the Judgement Day.
 |G Bm| |C G |
 "Well, Luke, my friend, what about young Anna Lee?"
 |G Bm| |C G |
 He said, "Do me a favor, son, woncha stay an' keep Anna Lee company?"

Chorus:

|G D C - | |G D C -|
 Take a load off Fannie, take a load for free;
 |G D C - | C (hold 7 beats--a measure of 4/4 and a measure of 3/4)
 Take a load off Fannie, And (and) (and) you can put the load right on me.

| G G/F# Em D | C

Verse:

|G Bm| |C G |
Crazy Chester followed me, and he caught me in the fog.
|G Bm| |C G |
He said, "I will fix your rags, if you'll take Jack, my dog."
|G Bm| |C G |
I said, "Wait a minute, Chester, you know I'm a peaceful man."
|G Bm| |C G |
He said, "That's okay, boy, won't you feed him when you can."

Chorus:

|G D C - | |G D C -|
Take a load off Fannie, take a load for free;
|G D C - | C (hold 7 beats--a measure of 4/4 and a measure of 3/4)
Take a load off Fannie, And (and) (and) you can put the load right on me.

| G G/F# Em D | C | G G/F# Em D | C

Verse:

|G Bm| |C G |
Catch a Cannonball, now, t'take me down the line
|G Bm| |C G |
My bag is sinkin' low and I do believe it's time.
|G Bm| |C G |
To get back to Miss Fanny, you know she's the only one.
|G Bm| |C G |
Who sent me here with her regards for everyone.

Chorus:

|G D C - | |G D C -|
Take a load off Fannie, take a load for free;
|G D C - | C (hold 7 beats--a measure of 4/4 and a measure of 3/4)
Take a load off Fannie, And (and) (and) you can put the load right on me.

| G G/F# Em D | C | G G/F# Em D | C (hold)