

Rubber Ball Cage the Elephant

this song is flatpicked. for those of you who do not know what that is, you fret a chord, hit the root note then strum all strings below it and sometimes people will pick the string under the root note with it alternately as done in this song. here is a tab for how it is done.

This is how I strum this song.

[Verse]

F		Am
----1-1-1----1-1-1--		-----0-0-0----0-0-0--
----1-1-1----1-1-1--		-----1-1-1----1-1-1--
----2-2-2----2-2-2--		-----2-2-2----2-2-2--
----3-3-3----3-3-3--		-----2-2-2--2-2-2-2--
----3-3-3--3-----	x2	---0-----
--1-----		-----
strum p d u d p d u d		p d u d p d u d
count 1 e & a 2 e & a		1 e & a 2 e & a

OR you can play it like this since the middle stroke isnt really noticed that much

----1-1----1-1--	-----0-0----0-0--
----1-1----1-1--	-----1-1----1-1--
----2-2----2-2--	-----2-2----2-2--
----3-3----3-3--	-----2-2--2-2-2--
----3-3--3-----	---0-----
--1-----	-----
strum p d d p d d	p d d p d d
count 1 & a 2 & a	1 & a 2 & a

[Chorus]

(play the same way and same count as verses)

Bb		F
----1-1----1-1--		----1-1----1-1-
----3-3----3-3--		----1-1----1-1-
----3-3----3-3--		----2-2----2-2-
----3-3----3-3--		----3-3----3-3-
----1-1--1-1-1--	x2	----3-3--3-3-3-
--1-----		--1-----

Bb		F	
----1-1----1-1--		----1-1----1-1-	
----3-3----3-3--		----1-1----1-1-	
----3-3----3-3--		----2-2----2-2-	
----3-3----3-3--		----3-3----3-3-	
----1-1--1-1-1--	x2	----3-3--3-3-3-	x2
--1-----		--1-----	

C

----0-0----0-0--	
----1-1----1-1--	
----0-0----0-0--	
----2-2----2-2--	
--3-----3-----	x2

ok now for the chords and lyrics...

[Verse 1]

F
Rolling around like a big rubber ball
Am
Writing this song about some things that I saw
F
Trying to stand like a big strong tough man
Am
Finding out fast that I m sinking in sin

[Chorus]

Bb	F
All I got is nothing but a little bit of love	
Bb	C
Gonna give it to the people then they ll see,	
Then they ll see	

[Verse 2]

F
Spinning the tops as the tables they turn
Am
Made some mistakes but I still couldn t learn
F
Covered my tracks, thought I was fine
Am
Got no self control now I m back here in line

[Chorus]

Bb **F**
All I got is nothing but a little bit of love
Bb **C**
Gonna give it to the people then they ll see,
Then they ll see

[Bridge]

F **Am** (x4)
switch every 4\4measure
(meanwhile strange oprah-lady sounds are going)

[Chorus]

Bb **F**
All I got is nothing but a little bit of love
Bb **C**
Gonna give it to the people then they ll see,
Then they ll see

| \ Slide down
| u upstrum
| d downstrum
| p pick string
