

**The Hammer Going Down**  
**Chris Knight**

The Hammer Goin Down - Chris Knight/Dean Miller

The original key is in Bm (Dmaj). I prefer to do the song in Am standard tuning no

capo or original key Am with capo on second fret. I have submitted the tab in the original Bm key. Shane

Intro: Bm (4 measures)

Verse 1

**C#m** **E**  
The sun s goin down on me, thoughts of her keep hauntin me,  
**A** **C#m** **E**  
desperation s takin hold. My hands are on the steerin wheel, but  
**A**  
my heart s back in Louisville, at the far end of a thousand miles of  
**C#m**  
road.

Chorus1

**A** **C#m** **A**  
My mind s grindin like a steel gear baby, I ve gotta cover some  
**B** **A** **E** **A**  
ground, she d know how hard and fast I m fallin for her if she  
**B** **C#m**  
could just hear sound, of the hammer goin down.

Verse 2

**C#m** **E**  
Now I ain t gonna waste my time talkin on no pay phone line,  
**A** **C#m**  
words just don t get the message through. If this rig will hold out  
**E** **A**  
one more day, she ll hear me forty miles away, tearin in this four  
**C#m**  
lane half in two.

Chorus2

**A** **C#m** **A**  
My mind s grindin like a steel gear baby, I ve gotta cover some  
**B** **A** **E** **A**  
ground, she d know how hard and fast I m fallin for her if she  
**B** **C#m**  
could just hear sound, of the hammer goin down.

Solo after chorus 2nd chorus

**A C#m A B A E A B C#m**

Verse 3

**C#m** **E**  
Now she ain't just a truck stop queen, she's the light guiding me,  
**A** **C#m**  
a thousand miles for her love. Well I'd go a million for one kiss,  
**E** **A**  
drive those pistons with my fist, and do it all again if it ain't  
**C#m**  
enough.

Chorus3

**A** **C#m** **A**  
My mind's grindin' like a steel gear baby, I've gotta cover some  
**B** **A** **E** **A**  
ground, she'd know how hard and fast I'm fallin' for her if she  
**B** **C#m**  
could just hear sound, of the hammer goin' down.

Outtro

**A** **B** **C#m**  
...if she could hear sound, of the hammer goin' down (2x)

Long guitar solo Bm