

**Anna Begins**  
**Counting Crows**

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At the beginning there s a really out of place 2 second guitar riff that really sucks.

The following is all the guitar plays during the verse but I like to play **Am G** in the rhythm of the drums.

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E |-----|
B |-----1-----|
G |-----2-----|
D |-----2-----|
A |---0--0-----|
E |-----|
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Pre-Chorus

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E |-----0-----0-----2-----|
B |-----0-----1-----3-----|
G |-----0-----0-----2-----|
D |-----2-----2-----0--0-----|
A |-----2-----3--3-----|
E |---0--0-----|
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Chorus

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E |-----3-----3-----3-----2-----|
B |-----3-----3-----3-----3-----|
G |-----|
D |-----2-----0-----|
A |-----3-----|
E |---3-----|
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Outro

Gmaj C E D Gmaj

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Standard Tuning

INTRO:

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-----0-----Oh2-----  
-----2-----  
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Am  
My friend assures me, It s all or nothing.  
G  
I am not worried, I am not overly concerned  
Am  
My friend implores me, For one time only,  
G  
Make an exception. I am not worried  
Am  
Wrap her up in a package of lies. Send her off to a coconut island  
G  
I am not worried. I am not overly concerned  
Am  
with the status of my emotions. Oh, she says, you re changing.  
G  
But we re always changing. It does not bother me to say-

Em  
this isn t love  
C D Em  
Because if you don t want to talk about it then... it isn t love  
C D  
And I guess I m gonna have to live with that  
Em C  
But I m sure there s something in a shade of grey  
D  
Or something in between  
Em C  
And I can always change my name  
D  
If that s what you mean

Am  
My friend assures me, It s all or nothing.  
G  
But I am not really worried. I am not overly concerned  
Am  
You try to tell yourself the things you try to tell yourself  
G  
To make yourself forget. I am not worried..

Em C D Em

If it s love, she said, then we re going to have to think about the consequences.

C D  
She can t stop shaking I can t stop touching her and

G C Em D G C Em  
D G  
This time when kindness falls like rain It washes her away and Anna begins to change her mind

C Em D G C  
These seconds when I m shaking leave me shuddering for days, she says  
Em D G  
And I m not ready for this sort of thing

Am  
But I m not going to break  
G  
And I m not going to worry about it anymore  
Am G  
I m not going to bend and I m not going to break  
And I m not going to worry about it anymore  
Am  
It seems like I should say, As long as this is love...

G  
But it s not all that easy... so maybe I should

Am  
Snap her up in a butterfly net

Pin her down on a photograph album  
G

I am not worried

I ve done this sort of thing before

Em C D  
But then I start to think about the consequences

Em C D  
Because I don t get no sleepin a quiet room and

G C Em  
The time when kindness falls like rain

D G C Em D G  
It washes me away and Anna begins to change my mind

C Em D  
And everytime she sneezes I believe it s love and

G C Em D G  
Oh Lord, I m not ready for this sort of thing

C Em  
She s talking in her sleep

D G  
It s keeping me awake and

C Em D G  
Anna begins to toss and turn

C Em D  
And every word is nonsense but I understand and

G C Em D G  
Oh Lord, I m not ready for this sort of thing

C Em  
Her kindness bangs a gong

D G C Em D G  
It s moving me along and Anna begins to fade away

C Em  
It s chasing me away

D  
She disappears and

G C Am D G  
Oh Lord, I m not ready for this sort of thing