

**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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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 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 I m not going to bend and I m not going to break

G

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