

Hey Mama
Mat Kearney

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Tuning: Standard, Capo on 1st Fret

Chords Used in this Song:

E	(022100)
Asus2	(x02200)
C#m7	(x46600)
A	(x02220)

Important Notes

- 1.) I have received personal verification from Mat Kearney himself regarding these chords.
A screenshot of the conversation can be found at this link:
<http://img822.imageshack.us/i/capturetbv.jpg/>
- 2.) Reference videos to see Mat Kearney playing this song:
Best one: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BM4YIIPtGXI>
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6SrHbaCpNdE>
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cczaE-jvIu4>
- 3.) The studio version of this song has a lot of beats and clapping. So, this tab is mainly for playing it on the acoustic guitar like Mat does when he plays it live. However, you can play along with the studio version and it will sound just fine. You just cannot hear the guitar very well in the studio version.
- 4.) If you want to play this song like Mat plays it you re going to have to mute the strings
and play the strings open a lot between each chord.

Here is what the VERSE will look like if you play it on an acoustic guitar like Mat does.

d = down strum
u = up strum

u d u d d u d d u d d u u d u d

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e|---0-0-0---0--x--x--x--x--x--x--x--x--0-0-0---0-----|
B|---0-0-0---0--x--x--x--x--x--x--x--x--0-0-0---0-----|
G|---0-0-0---1--x--x--x--x--x--x--x--x--0-0-0---1-----|
D|-----0-----2--x--x--x--x--x--x--x--x---0-----2-----|
A|-----0-----2--x--x--x--x--x--x--x--x---0-----2-----|
E|-----0-----0--x--x--x--x--x--x--x--x---0-----0-----|
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Or Mat will SOMETIMES play an A chord in place of the open strings when transitioning into the E, like this:

u d u d d u d d u d d u u d u d

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e|---0-0-0---0--x--x--x--x--x--x--x--x--0-0-0---0-----|
B|---2-2-2---0--x--x--x--x--x--x--x--x--2-2-2---0-----|
G|---2-2-2---1--x--x--x--x--x--x--x--x--2-2-2---1-----|
D|-----2-----2--x--x--x--x--x--x--x--x---2-----2-----|
A|-----0-----2--x--x--x--x--x--x--x--x---0-----2-----|
E|-----X-----0--x--x--x--x--x--x--x--x---x-----0-----|
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Sometimes there is longer muted strumming. This will just get you started and give you a feeling for how to play the song. Watch the videos to better learn what I m talking about.

Verse 1:

E
She don t know what she wants to be

E
With all the pictures in the magazines

E
Holding hands when she s mad at me

E

cause she don t wanna go, don t wanna go

E

I met her at Anthropologie

E

Her purple boots and her golden dreams

E

Standing there like a Tennessee queen

E

Singing don t look at me, don t look at me

Prechorus 1:

E

singing oh oh

Asus2

won t you help me sing this song

E

Singing ee ee ee

Asus2

She don t ever want to go to sleep

Chorus 1:

E

Singing hey mama, don t want no drama

Asus2

Just a kiss before I leave

E

Hey lady, don t say maybe

Asus2

You re the one that I can believe

C#m7

Hey lover, don t want no other

Asus2

finger for my ring

E

Hey mama, hey hey mama

Asus2

Hey mama, hey hey mama

E

Hey mama, hey hey mama

Asus2

Hey mama, hey hey mama

Postchorus 1: (mute strings while strumming and play E chord throughout)

E

Oh oh

Ooh oh oh oh

Ooh oh oh oh

Verse 2: (Same as verse 1)

I can see it in her Cherokee eyes
Those baby browns and her golden thighs
Whatcha doin for the rest of your life?
Cause you don t want, don t wanna go

Prechorus 2: (Same as Prechorus 1)

singing oh oh
won t you help me sing this song
Singing ee ee ee
She playing like a mystery

Chorus 2: (Same as chorus 1)

Singing hey mama, don t want no drama
Just a kiss before I leave
Hey lady, don t say maybe
You re the one that I can believe

Hey lover, don t want no other
finger for my ring

Hey mama, hey hey mama
Hey mama, hey hey mama
Hey mama, hey hey mama
Hey mama, hey hey mama

Post chorus 3: (Same as Post chorus 1 and 2)

Oh oh
Ooh oh oh oh
Ooh oh oh oh

Verse 3: In this verse he starts off playing open strings into an E as listed above, but then proceeds to alternate back and forth between the E and A chord like so:

u d u d d u d d u d d u u d u d
e | ---0-0-0---0--x--x--x--x--x--x--x--x--0-0-0---0-----|
B | ---0-0-0---2--x--x--x--x--x--x--x--x--2-2-2---0-----|
G | ---1-1-1---2--x--x--x--x--x--x--x--x--2-2-2---1-----|
D | -----2-----2--x--x--x--x--x--x--x--x---2-----2-----|
A | -----2-----0--x--x--x--x--x--x--x--x---0-----2-----|
E | -----0-----x--x--x--x--x--x--x--x--x---x-----0-----|

E
 Couldn't be more opposite

E **A**
 I'm hard to please and you're hard to get

A **E**
 You're Mississippi and I'm Oregon

E **A**
 You're sun tanned and I'm porcelain, singin' ..

Chorus (Same)

Hey mama, don't want no drama
Just a kiss before I leave
Hey lady, don't say maybe
You're the one that I can believe

Hey lover, don't want no other
finger for my ring

Hey mama, hey hey mama
Hey mama, hey hey mama
Hey mama, hey hey mama
Hey mama, hey hey mama

Postchorus: (Same)

Oh oh
Ooh oh oh oh
Ooh oh oh oh

END on E