

Powderfinger

Neil Young

Tab legend:

- _5 hammer on/pull off (h/p)
- /7 slide up
- 5 slide down
- 5= vibrato(single notes)/sustain(whole chords)
- 5^ bend up
- 5` slight bend
- 7^(7) bend and release
- (7)/9 start slide on 7, finish on 9
- (9) ghost bend -or- strike whilst bent
- 5. staccato note
- harmonic
- AH
- 10 pinch harmonic/artificial harmonic
- x mute string

VERSE:

A (-----rest-----) **D** **A** **D/G A**
 Look out, Mama, there s a white boat coming up the river
D **A** **D/G A**
 With a big red beacon, and a flag, and a man on the rail
D
 I think you d better call John,
C#m **D**
 Cause it don t look like they re here to deliver the mail
C#m7 **D**
 And it s less than a mile away
C#m7 **D**
 I hope they didn t come to stay
C#m7 **D**
 It s got numbers on the side and a gun
E
 And it s making big waves

FILL:

E	A	D	A	D	A
-----	-----	----0-0-----	-3-----3-		
/7-7--7-5-3-0--5--3--0===	-----	----1-1-----	-0-----1--0-		
(/7-7--7-5-4-0--5--4--0===)	-----	----0-0---h--0-	-0-----0-0--0-		
(rythm guitar)-	-----	-2==2-2--0_2---	-0--0_2---2--0-		
-----	-----	-3==-----	-2-----2-		
-----	-----	-----	-3-----3-		

VERSE:

Daddy s gone, my brother s out hunting in the mountains
 Big John s been drinking since the river took Emmylou

E|-4_3-----3--3-|
 B|----5-----|
 G|-----5.5=====|

So the Powers That Be left me here to do the thinking

E|-----|
 B|---4-----|
 G3//5-5311=====|
 D|-----0_35.

And I just turned twenty two
 I was wondering what to do
 And the closer they got
 The more those feelings grew

FILL:

E A D A D A
 |-----|-----|-----0-0-----| -3--3--3-----|
 |/7-7-7-5-3-0-/5--3--0=====|-----1-1-----| -0--1--0-----9
 (/7-7-7-5-3-0-/5--3--0=====)---|-----0-0--h-0--| -0--0--0---- 8810|
-----	-----	-2==2-2-0_2---	-0--2--0----(mute)
-----	-----	-3==-----	-2--3--2-----
-----	-----	-----	-3-----3-----

SOLO I:

A D A
 |-----|-----|-----|-----|
 |911-11^=====11^(11)9--99-11^==11^(11)-----|-----10111311
 |-----10-----8-----8/10-h-----|
-----	(mute)-----	-----8===-----8_10=====	
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D A
 |-----|-----1212_11_12-11=====|
 |10119=====1113111011-/13/13=13=====|-----|
-----	(vibrato)-----	-----	
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D C#m D
 |-----|-----p-|-----=-----|-----|
 |--19-20-202120-1616/1818-1820_18-20==-----15-18== 14=====|
20-----	-----20=-----	-----	
-----	-----	-----	-----
-----	-----	-----	-----

C#m7 Dmaj7 C#m7 Dmaj7
 |-----|-----|-----|-----|
 |-----|-----|---1113=1311.--14=13-13_14_13--|
 11=11==11^=11^==(11)9---88/10==|/13-----|-----|

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| 9==9==-----|-----10-----|-----|-----|
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C#m7          Dmaj7          E
|-----AH|-----p-----|-----|
13.---11/13--(11)1111-11-13_11--|7-----|
|-13.-----|-----|7-----|
(upstrokes)-----|-----|7-----|
|-----|-----|5-----|
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E          A          D          A  D  A
|-----|-----|0----- (0)===|3--3=-----|
|/7-7--7-5-3-0--5--3--0===|1----- (1)===|0----1-1_2_1==
(/7-7--7-5-4-0--5--4--0===)|0---- (0)===|0-----|
|-----|-----|-2==0_2-----|0-----|
|-----|-----|-3=====|2-----|
|-----|-----|-3-----|
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VERSE:

Daddy s rifle in my hand felt reassuring
 He told me, Red means run, son, numbers add up to nothing
 But when the first shot hit the docks I saw it coming
 Raised my rifle to my eye
 Never stopped to wonder why
 Then I saw black
 And my face splashed in the sky

FILL:

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E          A          D          A  D  A
|-----|-----|-----|-----|
|/7-7--7-5-3-0--5--3--0===|-----==--13_1513_15
(/7-7--7-5-4-0--5--4--0===)|-----|
|-----|-----|-----(vibrato)-|-----|
|-----|-----|-----|-----|
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SOLO II:

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A          D          A
|-----/13-----|-----|-----|
|16-_15_13-13--|11_13-8/10---9.|---13==12_13_1212-----|
|-----13=--|----- 7^--11/13-----|-13-----|
|-----|-----|-----|--13=1315/1715|
|-----|-----|-----|-----|
|-----|-----|-----|-----|
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D          A
|-----|-----|-----|-1012=-----|
1313_1413x11x--|-----|-----|9---/13=-----|
|-----13--|---AH-13151315//18==-----|-----15-17
|-----1313/15-----|-----|-----|
|-----|-----|---- muted )-|-----|
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D	C#m	D
1618.21=20-201820-182018-20_21_20===	-20192018-21==20.	
(20)	-21.19.	

C#m7	Dmaj7	C#m7	Dmaj7
11=11==11^=11^==(11)9---88/10==	10-8	8==8=====	
9==9==	10-810.		

C#m7	Dmaj7	E
11==11.11^--(11^)-(11)-910----		2=====
9===9.===--9--		0====0-----

E	A	D
/7-7--7-5-3-0--5--3--0==		-5==--1-3-1-0==0==-----1--0--0
(/7-7--7-5-4-0--5--4--0==)		-5==-----0==-----2_0--0--0
		-5==-----0==--0_2_0--2--0--0
		-3==-----
		-----3

VERSE:

Shelter me from the powder and the finger
 Cover me with the thought that pulled the trigger
 Just think of me as one you d never figured
 Would fade away so young
 With so much left undone
 Remember me to my love
 I know I ll miss her

E	A	D	A	D	A
/7-7--7-5-3-0--5--3--0==		-5==--1 1_3-0--			
(/7-7--7-5-4-0--5--4--0==)		-5==-----			
		-5==-----x-8/10			
		-3==-----			