

## How Will I Ever Be Simple Again

Richard Thompson

This is my variation. I left out the solo. I fingerpick, but not at Mr. Thompson's level. :).

The top part is the usual lyrics + chords. See tab for variation on chord formation.

A D A  
She danced in the street with the guns all around her

A E  
All torn like a rag doll barefoot in the rain

A D A  
She sang like a child to-ra-day-to-ra-da-dee

A E A  
Oh how will I ever be simple again

A D A  
She sat on the banks of the dirty gray river

A E  
And tried for a fish with a worm on a pin

A D A  
There was nothing but fever and ghosts in that water

A E A A/B A/C  
Oh how will I ever be simple again

D A  
War was my love my friend and companion

D A E  
What did I care for the pretty and plain

A D A  
Her smile was so clear and my heart was so troubled

A E A  
Oh how will I ever be simple again

Solo

A D A  
In her poor burned out house I sat by her table

A E  
The smell of her hair was like cornfields in May

A D A  
I wanted to weep and my eyes ached from trying

A E A A/A/ A/B A/C  
Oh how will I ever be simple again

D A  
How graceful she moved in the dust and the ruins

D A E

How happy she was in her dances and games

**A** **D** **A**  
Teach me to see with your innocent eyes love

**A** **E** **A**  
Oh how will I ever be simple again

**A** **E** **A**  
Oh how will I ever be simple again

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She danced in the streets with the

A CHORD


With the guns all

D CHORD


Around her

A CHORD


All torn like a rag doll

A CHORD


Barefoot in the rain



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2nd verse same as the first, except for walk-up (below) going into bridge

A CHORD

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A CHORD

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A CHORD

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BRIDGE What did I care for the

D CHORD

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The pretty and

A CHORD

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Plain

E CHORD (Arpeggio E chord with harmonic at 12th fret after arpeggio)

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Her smile was so clear etc. uses chord structure as shown in verses

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Next verse and bridge same as the first EXCEPT for last A chord, fingered as shown,  
(4th finger at 5th fret) finishes with a harmonic at 17th fret.