

Ooh Child

Richie Havens

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This is the first song on Richie's album Mixed Bag 2, which was originally released in 1974. At the time of writing (December 2010) it has just been re-released after being unavailable for many years. Despite being of a different generation my son had always liked this song when he listened to my old vinyl copy (now sadly lost but replaced with a new cd) and this prompted me to attempt my own version in Open D tuning. I have used Richie's chord fingerings and this is what I have come up with so far. It is still a work in progress but is satisfying to play and sing. Any improvements would be welcomed.

Tuning **D A D F# A D**

- I = Index finger
- M = Middle finger
- T = Thumb
- L = Little finger

Chords for the song

Bminor

D A D F# A D
I
T T T M M Fret 9
Thumb bars top 3 bottom 3 strings 9th fret
Index finger holds down 3rd string 8th fret
Middle finger holds down 1st and 2nd strings 9th fret

A
D A D F# A D
T T T T T T Fret 7
Thumb bars bottom all strings 7th fret

G
D A D F# A D
T T T T T T Fret 5
Thumb bars all strings 5th Fret

E
D A D F# A D

T T T T T T Fret 2
Thumb bars all strings 2nd Fret

E suspension

D A D F# A D

T T T T T Fret2
Thumb bars top 5 strings 2nd fret

Intro

Bm A G A

Try using the following strumming pattern for most of the song to begin with:-

D DU DU for each chord with a slight emphasis on the single Downs.

The Song

Bm A G A
Ooh child things are gonna get easier

Bm A E Esuspension
Ooh child thingsâ€™ll get better

Bm A G A
Ooh child things are gonna get easier

Bm A E Esus
Ooh child thingsâ€™ll be brighter

G A G A
Someâ€™day weâ€™ll put it together and weâ€™ll get it all done

G A G E Esus
Someâ€™day when your head is much lighter

G A G A
Someâ€™day weâ€™ll walk in the rays of the beautiful sun

G A G E Esus
Someâ€™day when the world will be brighter

Ooh child things are gonna get easier
Ooh child thingsâ€™ll get better

Guitar only next line

Bminor A G A Bminor A E Esus

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Someâ€™.day when your head is much lighter

Someâ€™.day weâ€™ll walk in the rays of the beautifulsun
Someâ€™.day when the world will be brighter

(Softer)

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Finish on BMinor