

American Woman Intro
The Guess Who

AMERICAN WOMAN from the album ?American Woman? (1970) transcribed by Steve Garner (*) This is the correct way to play the acoustic intro to American Woman. The open-G tuning allows the open 4th and 5th strings to be played with your thumb while you fret the other notes, giving the intro its droning, bluesy sound. Use your 2nd and 3rd fingers to fret the notes on the 2nd and 3rd strings, while using your first finger to reach over and do the hammer-ons on the 4th string. Remember to keep a constant steady pattern going with your thumb on the 4th and 5th strings. TUNING: Open-G (low to high: DGDGBD) Opening harmonic: D|-----

|B|-----|G|-----|D|-----|G|-----|D|-----|D|
-----|B|---6--6--5--5--4--4--
3-----|G|---7--7--6--6--5--5--4
-----| (x5)D|-----0-0h2--0-0--0
-0h2--0-0-----|G|-----0--0-0--0-0--0-0-----0-0-----
|D|-----|D|
-----|B|---3--3--8-----6--3
-----|G|---4--4--9-----7--4
-----| (x2)D|-----0-0h2--0-0--0
-0h2--0-0-----|G|---0--0--0--0--0--0--0--0--0--0--0--0--0--0-----
|D|-----|D|
-----10--12--12--12-----|B|---3--3--8-----6--3
-----10--12--12--12-----|G|---4--4--9-----7--4
-----| (x5)D|-----0--0--0--0
-----|G|---0--0--0--0--0--0--0--0--0--0--0--0--0--0--0--0--
0--|D|-----|D|
-----|B|---6--6--5--5--4--4--
3-----|G|---7--7--6--6--5--5--4
-----| (x3)D|-----0-0h2--0-0--0
-0h2--0-0-----|G|-----0--0-0--0-0--0-0-----0-0-----
|D|-----|D|
-----|B|---6--6--5--5--4--4
---3-----|G|---7--7--6--6--5--5--4
-----|D|-----0
-----|G|-----0
-----|D|

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