

**I Always Knew Hotline Bling**  
**The Struts**

I Always Knew / Hotline Bling (Live Acoustic Cover)

Performed by The Struts

Written by The Vaccines and Drake

Based off of these performances (<https://youtu.be/sA7LPE4isxM>)

([https://youtu.be/CwZ1D70\\_5SA](https://youtu.be/CwZ1D70_5SA))

As well as their version on their Live And Unplugged EP

(<https://youtu.be/b1F6BbvNt0Q>)

Song is played in D Standard (DGCFAd), all chord names are relative

This tab is for the rythmn guitar played by Jed

This same pattern is picked 4 times for each chord throughout the whole song

	<b>C</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>G</b>
d	-----	-----	-----	-----
A	-----1-----	-----1-----	-----1-----	-----3-----
F	-----0-----	-----2-----	-----2-----	-----4-----
C	-----2---2-----	-----2---2-----	-----3---3-----	-----5---5-----
G	--3-----	--0-----	--3-----	--5-----
D	-----	-----	-----	-----
	x4	x4	x4	x4

A pretty easy song to practice fingerpicking with since theres not too much going on but still sounds great

There is also a lead line played by Adam but im not skilled enough to tab it out

[Intro]

**C Am F G**

[Verse 1]

**C** **Am**

Down, down in my bones

**F**

Somewhere I d never have known

**G**

Right at the back of my head

**C** **Am**

It hit me like a beam of light

**F**

Hit me like a hook of the right

**G**

And I could have fell to the floor

**C**

**Am**

Cause you talk to me and it comes off the wall

**F**

**G**

You talk to me and it goes over my head

**C**

**Am**

So let s go to bed before you say something real

**F** **G**  
Let s go to bed before you say how you feel

[Chorus]

**C**  
Cause it s you  
**Am**  
Oh, it s always you  
**F**  
Oh, I always knew  
**G**  
Oh, it s you

[Verse 2]

**C** **Am**  
I try my best to unwind  
**F** **G**  
Nothing on my mind, nothin at all but you  
**C** **Am**  
Oblivious to all that I owe  
**F** **G**  
I m hanging on to what I don t know

**C** **Am**  
So let s go to bed before you say something real  
**F** **G**  
Let s go to bed before you say how you feel

[Chorus]

**C**  
Cause it s you  
**Am**  
Oh, it s always you  
**F**  
Oh, I always knew  
**G**  
Oh, baby it s you  
**G**  
Yeah,

**C** **Am**  
And I knew, yes I always knew

**F**  
Yes I always knew

**G**  
Oh baby its you

[Hook]

**C**  
You used to call me on my cell phone

**Am**  
Late night when you need my love

**F**  
Call me on my cell phone

**G**

Late night when you need my love

**C**

And I know when that hotline bling

**Am**

That can only mean one thing

**F**

I know when that hotline bling

**G**

That can only mean one thing

[Verse 3]

**C**

Ever since I left the city you

**Am**

Got a reputation for yourself now

**F**

Everybody knows and I feel left out

**G**

Girl you got me down, you got me stressed out

**C**

Cause ever since I left the city you, you, you

**Am**

Started wearing less and goin out more

**F**

Glasses of champagne out on the dance floor

**G**

Hangin with some girls I ve never seen before

[Hook]

**C**

You used to call me on my cell phone

**Am**

Late night when you need my love

**F**

Call me on my cell phone

**G**

Late night when you need my love

**C**

Yeah