



JoniMitchell.com Transcription for Guitar:

Cara's Castle

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DADFAD, 'Joni' Tuning: x75345, Capo 4

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Cara's Castle

by Joni Mitchell

Tuning: DADFAD Capo 4 - Joni Tuning: x75345

The chords are pretty simple for this song but it's important to keep a running bass line with your thumb and also listen to the way Joni strums and fingerpicks around the chords. I've included a video to guide you.

Intro:

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xx0000    0000xx
| | | | | |    | | | | | |
| | | | | |    | | | | | |
||*||*|3    ||*|||3  twice

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Verse 1:

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xx0000          0000xx          xx0000    0000xx
| | | | | |          | | | | | |          | | | | | |    | | | | | |
| | | | | |          | | | | | |          | | | | | |    | | | | | |
||*||*|3          ||*|||3          ||*||*|3    ||*|||3

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If you ever come to our town on a carousel crusade

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xx0000          x0000x          x0000x    x0000x
| | | | | |          | | | | | |          | | | | | |    | | | | | |
| | | | | |          | | ** | | 2          | | | | | |    | | ** | | 2
||*||*|3          | | | | | |          | | | | | |    | | | | | |

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And you're tired of fighting windmills with a nail

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xx0000          0000xx          xx0000    0000xx
| | | | | |          | | | | | |          | | | | | |    | | | | | |
| | | | | |          | | | | | |          | | | | | |    | | | | | |
||*||*|3          ||*|||3          ||*||*|3    ||*|||3

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Cross the fence and join the dragons who have never made the grade

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xx0000          x0000x          0000xx    x0000x    x0000x
| | | | | |          | | | | | |          | | | | | |    | | | | | |    | | | | | |
| | | | | |          | | ** | | 2          | | | | | |    | * | * | | 2    | | | | | |
||*||*|3          | | | | | |          | * | * | | 3    | | | | | |    | | | | | |

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Cara's castle and the keepers of a most unholy grail

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0000xx    x0000x    x0000x
| | | | | |    | | | | | |    | | | | | |
| | | | | |    | * | * | | 2    | | | | | |
| * | * | | 3    | | | | | |    | | | | | |

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Verse 2 (same chords as Verse 1)

There's a clock upon the mantle
 But its hands forget the time
 And the windows turn their backs upon the day
 And the people in the shadows
 Could be all lost friends of mine
 Cara's courtiers need no light need no light to lose their way

Chorus:

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xxoooo      oooooxx          xxoooo      oooooxx
| | | | | |      | | | | | |          | | | | | |      | | | | | |
| | | | | |      | | | | | |          | | | | | |      | | | | | |
| | * | * | 3    | | * | | | 3          | | * | * | 3    | | * | | | 3

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Oh Cara, Queen of the losers, ruler of the weak

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xxoooo      oooooxx          xooooox      xooooox          xooooox
| | | | | |      | | | | | |          | | | | | |      | | | | | |      | | | | | |
| | | | | |      | | | | | |          | | | | | |      | * | * | | 2      | | | | | |
| | * | * | 3    | | * | | | 3          | * | * | | 3    | | | | | |      | | | | | |

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Give the poet what he chooses till he's too dumb to speak

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ooooxx      xoooox      xoooox
| | | | | |      | | | | | |      | | | | | |
| | | | | |      | * | * | | 2      | | | | | |
| * | * | | 3    | | | | | |      | | | | | |

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Verse 2:

From the end to the beginning
Crippled minds retrace the steps
From the burial to the birth they do retreat
Wonderin' where and when and why
Their souls were slaughtered while they slept
Cara's courtiers know no victory know no victory just defeat

Oh Cara, Queen of the losers, ruler of the weak
Give the poet what he chooses till he's too dumb to speak

Verse 3:

One by one the battered soldiers
Go slowly cross the moat
One by one they seek new castles somewhere else
With their crutches and the cravens
And I wonder is there hope
Is there hope for Cara's courtiers and the wars against themselves

Oh Cara, Queen of the losers, ruler of the weak
Give the poet what he chooses till he's too dumb to speak

Outro:

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xxoooo      xxoooo      xxooxx      xxoooox      xooooox      xooooox
| | | | | |      | | | | | |      | | | | | |      | | | | | |      | | * | * 7      | | | | | |
| | * | * 2      | | | | | |      | | * | * 5      | | | | | |      | | | | | |      | | | | | |
| | | | | |      | | * | * 3      | | | | | |      | | * | * 3      | | | | | |      | | * | * 6

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Or

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o----2-----3-----5----3-----7-----6-----
o-----
o----2-----3-----5----3-----7-----6-----
o-----
x-----0---
x-----0---

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