JoniMitchell.com Transcription for Guitar:

The Jungle Line

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Tuning: AbAbCEbAbEb, 'Joni' Tuning: Ab 12 4357

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If you listen with the headphones, you can hear this chord being played starting around minute 00:03:

66666x

1st verse:

10 10 10 10 10 10

Rousseau walks on

 12
 12
 12
 12
 12
 555555
 444444

trumpet paths

666666

Safaris to the heart of

0h1 0h1 0000 000000 0000 0h1 0h1 000000 all that

0h1 0h1 0000 000000 0000 0h1 0h1 000000

jazz

0h1	0h1	0000	000000	0000	0h1	0h1	000000
0h1	0h1	0000	000000	0000	0h1	0h1	000000

111111

Through I-bars and girders

777777

Through wires and pipes,

666666

The mathematic circuits of the

0h1 0h1	0000	000000	0000	0h1	0h1	000000
modern						

0h1 0h1 0000 000000 0000 0h1 0h1 000000 nights

0h1 0h1 0000 000000 0000 0h1 0h1 000000

0h1 0h1 0000 000000 0000 0h1 0h1 000000

333333

Through huts, through Harlem

444444

through jails and gospel pews,

111111

Through the class on Park

777777 333333 and the trash on Vine,

888888

through Europe and the deep, deep heart of

222222

Dixie Blue

666666

Through savage progress cuts the

0h1 0h1 0000 000000 0000 0h1 0h1 000000 jungle

0h1 0h1	0000	000000	0000	0h1	0h1	000000		
line	line							
0h1 0h1	0000	000000	0000	0h1	0h1	000000		
0h1 0h1	0000	000000	0000	0h1	0h1	000000		
UIII UIII	0000	000000	0000	0111	UIII	000000		
0h1 0h1	0000	000000	0000	0h1	0h1	000000		
0h1 0h1	0000	000000	0000	0h1	0h1	000000		
0h1 0h1	0000	000000	0000	061	0h1	000000		
UIII UIII	0000	000000	0000	0111	UIII	000000		
0h1 0h1	0000	000000	0000	0h1	0h1	000000		

additional verses:

In a low-cut blouse she brings the beer Rousseau paints a jungle flower behind her ear Those cannibals of shuck and jive They'll eat a working girl like her alive With his hard-edged eye and his steady hand He paints the cellar full of fern and orchid vines And he hangs a moon above a five-piece band He hangs it up above the jungle line.

The jungle line, the jungle line Burning in a ritual of sound and time Floating, drifting on the air-conditioned wind Drooling for a taste of something smuggled in Pretty women funneled through valves and smoke Coy and bitchy, wild and fine And charging elephants and chanting slaving boats Charging, chanting down the jungle line.

There's a poppy wreath on a soldier's tomb There's a poppy snake in a dressing room Poppy poison - poppy tourniquet It slithers away on brass like mouthpiece spit And metal skin and ivory birds Go steaming up to Rousseau's vines Go steaming up to Brooklyn Bridge Go steaming steaming up the jungle line

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