



JoniMitchell.com Transcription for Guitar:

Cactus Tree

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Tuning: DADF#AD, 'Joni' Tuning: D75435, Capo 5

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0=open string

INTRO PLAYED TWICE

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D-----0-----0-----|
A-----0-----0-----|
F#-----3-----3--3--3-----1--1--1--1-----|
D-----0-----0--0--0-----0--0--0--0-----|
A----- 5-----5--5--5-----2--2--2--2-----|
D--0-----0-----0-----0--0--0--0-----0-----0--|

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VERSE

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D-----|
A-----|
F#-----3--3--3-----3--3--3-----|
D-----0--0--0-----0--0--0-----|
A-----5--5--5-----5--5--5-----|
D--0-0-----0-0-----|

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There's a man who's been out sailing ...

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D-----0-----0-----|
A-----0-----0-----|

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F#--1--1--1--1-----|
D---0--0--0--0-----|
A---2--2--2--2-----|
D---0--0--0--0-----|

In a decade full of dreams ...

D-----|
A-----|
F#-----3--3--3-----1--1--1-----|
D-----0--0--0-----0--0--0-----|
A-----5--5--5-----2--2--2-----|
D---0-0-----0--0--0-----|

And he takes her to his schooner ...

D-----0--0--0--0-----0--0-----|
A-----0--0--0--0-----0--0-----|
F#-----0--0--0--0-----1--1-----|
D-----0--0--0--0-----2--2-----|
A-----0--0--0--0-----0--0-----|
D-----0--0--0--0-----0--0-----|

And he treats her like a queen ...

D-----|
A-----|
F#-----3--3--8-----1--1--1-----|
D-----0--0--0-----0--0--0-----|
A-----5--5--10-----2--2--2-----|
D---0-0-----0--0--0-----|

Bearing beads from California ...

D-----0-----0-----|
A-----0-----0-----|

F#-----3-----3-----3-----1--1--1-----|
D-----0-----0-----0-----0--0--0-----|
A-----5-----5-----5-----2--2--2-----|
D---0-0-----0-----0--0--0-----0-----|

With their amber stones and green ...

D-----0---0---0-----0-----0-----0-----|
A-----0---0---0-----0-----0-----0-----|
F#-----1---1---1-----0-----0-----0-----|
D-----2---2---2-----0-----0-----0-----|
A-----0---0---0-----0-----0-----0-----|
D---0-----0---0---0-----0-----0-----0-----|

He has called her from the harbor ...

D-----0---0---0-----0-----0-----0-----|
A-----0---0---0-----0-----0-----0-----|
F#-----1---1---1-----0-----0-----0-----|
D-----2---2---2-----0-----0-----0-----|
A-----0---0---0-----0-----0-----0-----|
D---0-----0---0---0-----0-----0-----0-----|

He has kissed her with his freedom ...

D-----0---0---0-----0-----0-----0-----|
A-----0---0---0-----0-----0-----0-----|
F#-----1---1---1-----0-----0-----0-----|
D-----2---2---2-----0-----0-----0-----|
A-----0---0---0-----0-----0-----0-----|
D---0-----0---0---0-----0-----0-----0-----|

He has heard her off to starboard ...

D-----0--0--0-----0--0--2-----|
A-----0--0--0-----0--0--0-----|
F#-----1--1--1-----1--1--1-----|
D-----2--2--2-----0--0--0-----|
A-----0--0--0-----2--2--2-----|
D-----0--0--0-----0--0--0-----|

In the breaking and the breathing ...

D-----4-----4-----4-----2-----2-----|
A-----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----|
F#-----3---3---3-----1-----1-----1-----|
D-----4---4---4-----2-----2-----2-----|
A-----0---0---0-----0-----0-----0-----|
D-----0---0---0-----0-----0-----0-----|

Of the water wee --- eeds ...

D-----0--0-----0--0-----0--0-----0--0-----0-----|
A-----0--0-----0--0-----0--0-----0--0-----0-----|
F#-----3--3-----1--1-----0--0---0h1--0---0h1--0-----|
D-----0--0-----0--0-----0--0---0h2--0---0h2--0-----|
A-----4--4-----2--2-----0--0-----0--0-----0-----|
D-----0--0-----0--0-----0--0-----0--0-----0-----|

While she's so busy being free.

Additional lyrics played the same way:

There's a man who's climbed a mountain
And he's calling out her name
He hope her heart can here
3000 miles he calls again
He can think her there beside him
He can miss her just the same

He has missed her in the forest
Where he showed her all the flowers
And the branches sang the chorus
As he climbed the scaley towers
Of the forest trees ...
While she was somewhere being free.

There's man who sent her letters
He is waiting for reply
He asks her of her travels
Since the day they said good-bye
He writes "Wish you were beside me,
We can make it if we try."
He has seen her in the office
With her name on all his papers
From the sharing of the profits
He will find it hard to shake her
From his memory ...
While she's so busy being free.

There's a lady in the city
And she thinks she loves them all
There's the one who thinking of her
There's the one who sometimes calls
There's the one who writes those letters
With his fact and figure scrawl
She has brought them to her senses
They have laughed inside her laughter
Now she rallies her defenses
'Cause she fears that one will ask her
For eternity ...
And she's much too busy being free.

There's a man who sends her medals
 He is bleeding from the war
 There's a jouster and a jester
 And a man who owns a store
 There's a drummer and a dreamer
 And you know there could be more
 She will love them when she sees them
 They will lose her if they follow
 And she only means to please them
 And her heart is full and hollow
 Like a cactus tree ...
 And she's so busy being free.

Outro:

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D-----4-----4-----4-----2-----2-----|
A-----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----|
F#-----3---3---3-----1-----1-----1-----|
D-----4---4---4-----2-----2-----2-----|
A-----0---0---0-----0-----0-----0-----|
D-----0---0---0-----0-----0-----0-----|
  
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Like a cactus tre -- eee -- eee ...

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D-----0--0-----0--0-----0--0--0-----0--0-----|
A-----0--0-----0--0-----0--0--0-----0--0-----|
F#-----1--1-----1--1-----0--0---0h1--0---0h1--0-----|
D-----0--0-----0--0-----0--0---0h2--0---0h2--0-----|
A-----2--2-----2--2-----0--0---0-----0--0-----|
D-----0--0-----0--0-----0--0---0-----0--0-----|
  
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... eeee being free.