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JoniMitchell.com Transcription for Guitar

Me and My Uncle

EADGBE, 'Joni' Tuning: x55545, Capo 5

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Joni performed this cover song (written by John Phillips) during a television show called "Let's Sing Out" in October of 1965. The guitar tuning is in standard and the capo should be up 5 frets. The song is played with lots of alternating bass lines. On the Am chord, there is lots of hammering using both the ring finger and middle finger, and on the C chord, there is lots of hammering using the middle finger. The transition from the Am chord to the C Chord has a walk up bass line that goes like this:

002210 x0xxxx x2xxxx x32010

The chords that Joni uses at the end of the song go like this:

002210 002213 002212 002211 002210

Chord shapes:

Am	E	C	E7
002210	022100	x32010	022130

Intro:

Am C E7 Am

Am E Am
Me and my Uncle came riding down,

C E7
From Colorado, West Texas Bound,

Am E Am
And we stopped over in Santa Fe,

C E7
That being the place about halfway

Am E Am
And besides it was the hottest part of the day

We led our ponies into a stall
Went to the bar, boys, bought drinks for all
Two days in the saddle, my body hurt
It being summer, took off my shirt
And tried to wash off some of that dust and dirt

West Texas cowboys all over town
With gold and silver, they're loaded down
Just in from round-up, it seemed a shame
And so my Uncle starts a friendly game
And it's high low Jacks and the winner takes the gain

From the beginning, Uncle starts to win
Them Texas cowboys, they was mad as sin
Some say he's cheating, well that can't be
Because my Uncle, he's honest as me
And I'm as honest as a Denver gal can be.

One Texas cowboy, he starts to draw
I grabbed a bottle, slapped him on the jaw
I shot another, he won't grow old
In the confusion, Uncle grabbed the gold
And we high-tailed it down to Mexico

Now God bless cowboys, and God bless gold
God bless my Uncle, and rest his soul
He taught me well, boys, taught me all I know
Taught me so well, boys, I grabbed the gold
And I left him lying there, left him lying there
Left him lying there by the side of the road