



JoniMitchell.com Transcription for Guitar

# Harry's House - Centerpiece

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## Intro:

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## 1st verse:

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          Heatwaves on the  runway

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555555
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as the wheels set

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888700  777777
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down  He takes his baggage off the

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333200  333000
|||||||  |||||||
carousel  he takes a taxi into town

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002222                    000000    333200  
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          Yellow schools of            taxi fishes

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555555  
|||||||  
Jonah in the ticking

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888700                    777777  
|||||||                    |||||||  
whale caught up at the lights in the fishnet

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333200                    333000  
|||||||                    |||||||  
windows of Blooming - dales    Watching those

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002220            005550    007770    000000    002220  
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          high        fa -        shion        gir -        ls

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333200  
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          Skinny black models with raveen curls and

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002220            005550    007770    000000            002220  
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beauty parlor blondes    with        credit card eyes

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333200  
|||||||  
          Looking for the chic and the fancy to

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002000  
|||||||  
buy

2nd verse:

He opens up his suitcase  
In the continental suite  
And people thirty stories down  
Look like colored currents in the street  
A helicopter lands on a Pan Am roof  
Like a dragonfly on a tomb  
And business men in button downs  
Press into conference rooms  
Battalions of paper-minded males  
Talking commodities and sales  
While at home their paper wives  
And their paper kids  
Paper the walls to keep their gut reactions hid

3rd verse:

Yellow checkers for the kitchen  
Climbing ivy for the bath  
She is lost in House and Gardens  
He's caught up in Chief of Staff  
He drifts off into the memory  
Of the way she looked in school  
With her body oiled and shining  
At the public swimming pool

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Optional Centerpiece Interlude

[This part on the recording is done with piano and band, and when performing this song solo with acoustic guitar, Joni has left this part out. The following chords follow roughly the chords played by the instruments in the recording.]

To make the transition to Centerpiece, play four bars (16 counts) of

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002000  
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emphasizing the bass note (it is actually struck twice for each of 16 counts, the second strike coinciding with the count - listen to the recording!)

Then play:

D-----  
Bb-----  
F-----  
D-----  
G-----3--3---2--2---1--1-----  
C-----0--0-----

Use the thumb of your right hand to dampen the tone of the bottom-most string for this 12-bar blues section. The bottom string is not required again until the transition back into Harry's House.

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D-----0-----0-----0---0-----
Bb----1-----1-----1---1-----
F-----0-----0-----0---0-----
D-----0-----2-----3---2-----
G-----0-----0-----0---0-----
C-----x-----x-----x---x-----
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The more I'm with you pretty

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D-----5-----5-----5---5-----
Bb----6-----6-----6---6-----
F-----5-----5-----5---5-----
D-----5-----7-----8---7-----
G-----5-----5-----5---5-----
C-----x-----x-----x---x-----
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ba- by

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D-----0-----0-----0---0---0-----0-----0-----0---0-----
Bb----1-----1-----1---1---1-----1-----1-----1---1-----
F-----0-----0-----0---0---0-----0-----0-----0---0-----
D-----0-----2-----3---2---0-----2-----3---2-----
G-----0-----0-----0---0---0-----0-----0-----0---0-----
C-----x-----x-----x---x---x-----x-----x-----x---x-----
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The more I feel my love in- crease I'm

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D-----5-----5-----5---5---5-----5-----5-----5---5-----
Bb----6-----6-----6---6---6-----6-----6-----6---6-----
F-----5-----5-----5---5---5-----5-----5-----5---5-----
D-----5-----7-----8---7---5-----7-----8-----7---7-----
G-----5-----5-----5---5---5-----5-----5-----5---5-----
C-----x-----x-----x---x---x-----x-----x-----x---x-----
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building all my dreams a- round you our

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D-----0-----0-----0---0---0-----0-----2---2-----
Bb----1-----1-----1---1---1-----1-----3---3-----
F-----0-----0-----0---0---0-----0-----2---2-----
D-----0-----2-----3---2---0-----0-----2---2-----
G-----0-----0-----0---0---0-----0-----2---2-----
C-----x-----x-----x---x---x-----x-----x-----x---x-----
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happi- ness will never cease 'cause

D----5-----5-----5-----5-----8---8---7---7---  
Bb---6-----6-----6-----6-----9---9---8---8---  
F----5-----5-----5-----5-----8---8---7---7---  
D----5-----7-----8-----7-----8---8---7---7---  
G----5-----5-----5-----5-----8---8---7---7---  
C----x-----x-----x-----x-----x---x---x---x---  
nothin's            any good with- out            you

D----0---0-----3---3-----2---2---7---7---  
Bb---1---1-----4---4-----3---3---8---8---  
F----0---0-----3---3-----2---2---7---7---  
D----0---0-----3---3-----2---2---7---7---  
G----0---0-----3---3-----2---2---7---7---  
C----x---x-----x---x-----x---x---x---x---  
Baby            you're my center- piece

D----0-----0---0---0-----  
Bb---1-----1---1---1-----  
F----0-----0---0---0-----  
D----0-----2---3---2-----  
G----0-----0---0---0-----  
C----x-----x---x---x-----

D----5-----5---5---5-----  
Bb---6-----6---6---6-----  
F----5-----5---5---5-----  
D----5-----7---8---7-----  
G----5-----5---5---5-----  
C----x-----x---x---x-----

D----0-----0-----0---0---0-----0-----0---0-----  
Bb---1-----1-----1---1---1-----1-----1---1-----  
F----0-----0-----0---0---0-----0-----0---0-----  
D----0-----2-----3---2---0-----2-----3---2-----  
G----0-----0-----0---0---0-----0-----0---0-----  
C----x-----x-----x---x---x-----x-----x---x-----

D----5-----5-----5-----5-----5-----5-----5-----  
Bb---6-----6-----6-----6-----6-----6-----6-----  
F----5-----5-----5-----5-----5-----5-----5-----  
D----5-----7-----8-----7-----5-----7-----8-----7-----  
G----5-----5-----5-----5-----5-----5-----5-----  
C----x-----x-----x-----x-----x-----x-----x-----

D----0-----0-----0----0-----0-----0-----2---2-----  
Bb---1-----1-----1----1-----1-----1-----3---3-----  
F----0-----0-----0----0-----0-----0-----2---2-----  
D----0-----2-----3----2-----0-----0-----2---2-----  
G----0-----0-----0----0-----0-----0-----2---2-----  
C----x-----x-----x----x-----x-----x-----x---x-----

D----5-----5-----5-----5-----8---8---7---7---  
Bb---6-----6-----6-----6-----9---9---8---8---  
F----5-----5-----5-----5-----8---8---7---7---  
D----5-----7-----8-----7-----8---8---7---7---  
G----5-----5-----5-----5-----8---8---7---7---  
C----x-----x-----x----x-----x-----x-----x---x-----

D----0---0-----3---3-----2---2---7---7---  
Bb---1---1-----4---4-----3---3---8---8---  
F----0---0-----3---3-----2---2---7---7---  
D----0---0-----3---3-----2---2---7---7---  
G----0---0-----3---3-----2---2---7---7---  
C----x---x-----x---x-----x---x-----x---x-----

D-----0-----0-----0-----0-----  
Bb-----1-----1-----1-----1-----  
F-----0-----0-----0-----0-----  
D-----0-----2-----3-----2-----  
G-----0-----0-----0-----0-----  
C-----x-----x-----x-----x-----  
We'll find a house and gar- den

D----5-----5-----5---5-----  
Bb---6-----6-----6---6-----  
F----5-----5-----5---5-----  
D----5-----7-----8---7-----  
G----5-----5-----5---5-----  
C----x-----x-----x---x-----  
some- where

D----0-----0-----0----0----0-----0-----0----0-----  
Bb---1-----1-----1----1----1-----1-----1----1-----  
F----0-----0-----0----0----0-----0-----0----0-----  
D----0-----2-----3----2----0-----2-----3----2-----  
G----0-----0-----0----0----0-----0-----0----0-----  
C----x-----x-----x----x----x-----x-----x----x-----  
A- long a country road a- piece A

D-----5-----5-----5-----5-----5-----5-----5-----5-----  
 Bb----6-----6-----6-----6-----6-----6-----6-----6-----  
 F-----5-----5-----5-----5-----5-----5-----5-----5-----  
 D-----5-----7-----8-----7-----5-----7-----8-----7-----  
 G-----5-----5-----5-----5-----5-----5-----5-----5-----  
 C-----x-----x-----x-----x-----x-----x-----x-----x-----  
 little cottage on the out- skirts where

D-----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----2-----2-----  
 Bb----1-----1-----1-----1-----1-----1-----3-----3-----  
 F-----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----2-----2-----  
 D-----0-----2-----3-----2-----0-----0-----2-----2-----  
 G-----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----2-----2-----  
 C-----x-----x-----x-----x-----x-----x-----x-----x-----  
 we can really find re- lease 'cause

D-----5-----5-----5-----5-----8-----8-----7-----7-----  
 Bb----6-----6-----6-----6-----9-----9-----8-----8-----  
 F-----5-----5-----5-----5-----8-----8-----7-----7-----  
 D-----5-----7-----8-----7-----8-----8-----7-----7-----  
 G-----5-----5-----5-----5-----8-----8-----7-----7-----  
 C-----x-----x-----x-----x-----x-----x-----x-----x-----  
 nothin's any good with- out you

D-----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----  
 Bb----1-----1-----1-----1-----1-----1-----1-----1-----  
 F-----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----  
 D-----0-----2-----3-----2-----0-----0-----0-----0-----  
 G-----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----  
 C-----x-----x-----x-----x-----x-----x-----x-----x-----  
 Baby you're my cen- ter- piece

Transition to Harry's House:

Play 8 bars of:

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 x00200  
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 emphasizing the next-to-lowest string

Play 8 bars of:

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 002000  
 ||||||  
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 emphasizing the lowest string

Then 4 bars of:

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333000  
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Shining hair and shining skin  
Shining as she reeled him in  
To tell him like she did today  
Just what he could do with Harry's House  
And Harry's take home pay.

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