

RIDER IN THE RAIN

Lyrics and music by Randy Newman (1977)

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Key: C **Start Note:** E **Time:** 4/4 **BPM:** 98

Intro: F /// C /// G7 /// C // **Count:** 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &

Strum: ↓ ↑ ↓ ↑ ↓ ↑ ↓ ↑ (Slow and relaxed, as if yer ridin' a horse, sorta', kinda')

/ F C F C
Got a gun in my holster, got a horse between my knees,
F C G7 C
And I'm goin' to Arizona, pardon me boys if ya please.
F C F C
I have been a desperado, robbed and pillaged 'cross the plain.
F C G7 C
Now, I'm goin' to Arizona, just a rider in the rain.

F C
Chorus He's a rider in the rain
F C
He's a rider in the rain
F C
And I'm goin' to Arizona
G7 C
He's a rider in the rain

F C F C
Oh, my mother's in St. Louis, and my bride's in Tennessee.
F C G7 C
So, I'm goin' to Arizona, with a banjo on my knee.

F C
Chorus He's a rider in the rain ("I'm a rider in the rain!" Sung loudly by leader)
F C
He's a rider in the rain
F C
And I'm goin' to Arizona
G7 C
He's a rider in the rain

F C F C
Used to work in Uncle's feed store, while he was fightin' in the war,
F C G7 C
Now I'm goin' to Arizona, ain't gonna work for him no more.
F C F C
I'm the son of the prairie, and the wind that sweeps the plain,
F C G7 C
So, I'm goin' to Arizona, just a rider in the rain.

F C
 Chorus: I'm a rider in the rain
 (Quietly) F C
 I'm a rider in the rain
 F C
 And he's goin' to Arizona
 G7 C
 Just a rider in the rain

F C
Chorus: He's a rider in the rain ("I'm a rider in the rain!" Sung loudly by leader)
 (Loudly) F C
He's a rider in the rain ("You know I'm a rider!" " " " " " ")
 F C
And I'm goin' to Arizona
 G7 C
Just a rider in the rain

"Take it boys..." (Spoken by leader)

Pick or Chord: C D E

F /// C ///

Oooo - Oooo

F /// C ///

Oooo - Oooo

F /// C //

Oooo - Ooo

/ G7 C /// }
 Just a ri...der in the rai...n. (Slowly from 'ri...der')

"BONUS"

Picking Patterns

Count: 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &

Melody

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A |-----0//-----0-----0//-----0-----0//-----0-----0//-----0-----|
E | -0-3-----3---3-0/--0-3-----3---3//-----0-3-----3---3-3--0//-----0-----3//--0-----|
C |-----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----2-0-0-----|
G |-----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----|
  
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Chords: T - Thumb I - Index M - Middle R - Ring

M - Plucked together

R

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C F G
A |-----3-----3---|-----0-----0---|-----2-----2-----|
E |-----0-----0---|-----1-----1---|-----1-----1-----|
C |-----0-----0---0-0-|-----0-----0---0-0-|-----2-----2---2-2-|
G |-----0-----0---0-0-|-----2-----2---2-2-|-----0-----0-----|
  T I M I T I M I T I M I T I M I T I M I
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  R R R R R R R R R R R R R R R R
  
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(Original pattern suggested by Ray Perault)