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Waterloo Sunset - The Kinks - L24



One of the greatest, songwriting British rock bands, The Kinks and here's one of their best. Waterloo Sunset looks a fairly basic song with an E, B & A making up a majority of the song, however it's all the nuances around it that really make it interesting.

Intro
E|------------|
B|------------|
G|------------|x4
D|9-9-9-9---|
A|9-9-9-9---| Heavy right hand palm muting, all downstrokes, 2 to the beat.
E|7-7-7-7---|

Opening Lead section
E|---------------------------------|
B|----5----------------------------|
G|6-4-6-4----4--------------------| x2
D|---------6-4-6-4--4-2-6-4-2---|
A|-------------------------------4-| This repeats each time you come back to the main verse.
E|---------------------------------|

Main Verse
  E B A
E|0--2--0---| E & B 4 beats, A 8 beats
B|0--2--2---|
G|1--4--2---| x2
D|2—4--2---| 1, 2, 3, & 4
A|2—2--0---| Strumming D, D, D, U, D
E|0---------|

E|2—2--2--2---| 4 strums as above on each chord.
B|2--2--2--4---|
G|2--2--2--4---|
D|4--3--2--4---|
A|4--4--4--2---|
E|2--2--2-------|

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      F#m B   E
E|-----2---2--0----| F#m 8 beats, B 4 beats, E 2 beats – straight back into the walk down as below.
B|-----2---4--0----|
G|-----2---4--1----| F# 8 beats
D|-----4---4--2----|
A|-----4---2--2----|
E|5-4-2------0-----|

E|-----2--2---| 8 beats on each chord.
B|-----2--4---|
G|-----2--4---|
D|-----4--4---|
A|-----4--2---|
E|5-4-2-------|
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Back to the main verse.

Homework:

Try using the C#m pent (E Major) to add some flavour between the main chords.