

# Harvest Moon by Neil Young

## First, tune your guitar down to Drop-D

To kick things off, note that the tabs below assume you're in drop-d tuning. This means you want to tune your low E-string down one whole step so that it's a D instead of an E. Your 6 strings should be, from thick to thin, DADGBE.

## General chords needed

With your guitar in drop-d tuning, here's how you play the general chords used throughout this song. The D, Em, and G are the ones that have a slightly different bent to do the thickest (lowest) string being a whole step off of its normal tuning.

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e ---2-----0-----3-----0-----0-----
B ---3-----0-----0-----3-----2-----
G ---2-----0-----0-----0-----0-----
D ---0-----2-----0-----2-----2-----
A ---0-----2-----x-----0-----0-----
D ---0-----2-----5-----5-----5-----
          D      Em      G      A7sus4  A
    
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## Song structure

Next, understand this song uses these four sequences. These repeat per each verse.

<b>Sequence 1</b>	D-riff #1	(Intro, no vocals)
<b>Sequence 2</b>	Em -----> D-riff #2	"Come a little bit closer, hear what I have to say..."
<b>Sequence 3</b>	G -----> D-riff #1	"But there's a full moon rising, let's go dancing in the light"
<b>Sequence 4</b>	A7sus4 ----> A7	"Because I'm still in love with you, I wanna see you dance again"

After you know the structure, the next (and hardest part) is learning the two main D-riffs used in the song. Here's the tabs, with *general* strumming guidance shown:

### D-riff #1 (i.e., heard in the intro and in sequence #3)

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e -----0-----0-----9-----9-----9-----9-----
B -----10-----12-----10-----10-----10-----10-----
G -----11-----11-----11-----11-----11-----11-----
D -----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----
A -----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----
D --0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----
      v      v      v              ^      ^      ^      ^
      1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 +
    
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v = down strum  
^ = up strum

### D-riff #2 (heard during sequence #2)

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e -----(2)-----0-----0-----0-----0-----
B -----3-----3-----3-----3-----2-----2-----2-----3-----2-----
G -----2-----2-----2-----2-----2-----2-----2-----2-----2-----2-----
D -----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----2-----2-----4-----2-----
A -----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----
D --0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----
      v      v  ^  v  ^      ^      ^      ^      ^  v  ^
      1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 +
    
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v = down strum  
^ = up strum

## Lyrics with chords

INTRO                   D (riff #1)

VERSE, pt 1           Em  
 ...Come a little bit closer  
   D (riff #2)  
 Hear what I have to say  
 Em  
 ...Just like children sleepin'  
   D (riff #2)  
 We could dream this night away

VERSE, pt 2           G  
 ...But there's a full moon risin'  
   D (riff #1)  
 Let's go dancin' in the light  
 G  
 ...We know where the music's playin'  
   D (riff #1)  
 Let's go out and feel the night

VERSE, pt 3           A7sus4   A7  
 .....Because I'm still in love with you  
 (A7)  
 ....I want to see you dance again  
 A7sus4   A7  
 .....Because I'm still in love with you  
 (A7)   D (riff #1)  
 On this harvest moon

(use same chord progressions for second verse)

When we were strangers  
 I watched you from afar  
 When we were lovers  
 I loved you with all my heart

But now it's gettin' late  
 And the moon is climbin' high  
 I want to celebrate  
 See it shinin' in your eye

Because I'm still in love with you  
 I want to see you dance again  
 Because I'm still in love with you  
 On this harvest moon