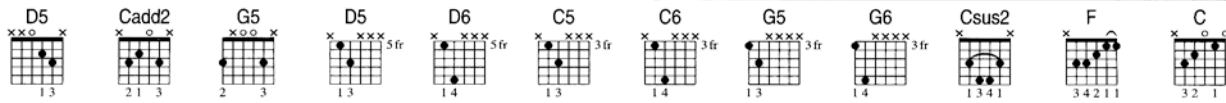


# "SWEET HOME ALABAMA" LYNRD SKYNYRD

As heard on **SECOND HELPING** (MCA)

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**A** Intro (0:03)  
Moderately ♩ = 100

(spoken) Turn it up

Chords: D5, Cadd2, G5, D5, Cadd2, G5

Gr. 1 (clean elec.)  
let ring throughout

1

Gr. 3 (elec. w/dist.) (slight vib.)

Chords: D5, Cadd2, G5, D5, Cadd2, G5

\*\*Gr. 2 (clean elec.)  
Riff A  
let ring throughout

5

end Riff A

\*Gr. 1

\*doubled throughout by elec. w/light dist.

Bass

**B** Verses (0:22, 0:52, 1:41, 3:09)

1. Big wheels keep on turnin'	Carry me home to see my kin
2. Well I heard Mr. Young sing about her	Well I heard old Neil put 'er down
3. In Birmingham they love the gov'nor	Boo hoo hoo Now we all did what we could do
4. Now Muscle Shoals has got the Swampers	and they've been known to pick a song or two (yes they do)

Chords: D5, Cadd2, G5, D5, Cadd2, G5

Gr. 1

Gr. 2 plays Riff A twice (see bar 5) Gtrs. 1 and 2 substitute Rhy. Fill 1 on 3rd Verse (see next page)

9

Bass

Bass Fig. 1

Substitute Bass Fill 1 on 3rd Verse (see next page) (repeat previous two bars)

2

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2nd, 3rd and 4th Verses, skip ahead to [C]

Singin' songs about the Southland  
Well I hope Neil Young will remember  
Now Watergate does not bother me  
Lord they get me off so much

I miss ole 'Bamee once again and I think it's a sin yes  
A southern man don't need him a  
Does your conscience bother you  
They pick me up when I'm feelin' blue

D5 Cadd2 G5 D5 Cadd2 G5

13 *cont. simile*

Bass plays Bass Fig. 1 twice (see bar 9)

N.C.(D) (C) (G) (D) (C) (G)

Gtr. 2

Riff B

Gtr. 4 plays Rhy. Fill 2 (see below)

17

Gtr. 1  
Riff B1

w/bar  
N.H. 1/2 1/2 1/2

N.H. w/bar end Riff B1

Bass

Bass Fig. 2

[C] (1:09, 1:58, 3:27)

[D] 1st and 3rd Choruses (1:11, 2:01, 3:29)

(2.) round anyhow  
(3.) tell the truth  
(4.) Now how 'bout you

Sweet home Alabama

G5 D5 D6 D5 C5 C6 C5 G5 G6 G5 C

Gtr. 2

Rhy. Fig. 2

21

Gtr. 1  
Riff C

P.M.

Bass

Bass Fig. 3

Rhy. Fill 1 (1:43)

G5 F C

Gtr. 2

Gtr. 1

Rhy. Fill 2 (0:47)

N.C.(D) (C) G

Gtr. 4 (acous.)

Bass Fill 1 (1:43)

G5 F C

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24      Where the skies are so blue      Sweet home Ala-

D5      D6 D5      C5      C6 C5      G5      C5      D5      D6 D5      C5      C6 C5

P.M.      P.M.      P.M.

end Bass Fig. 3

bama      Lord I'm comin' home to you

G5      G6      G5      Csus2      D5      D6 D5      C5      C6 C5      G5      G6      F      C

2nd time, skip ahead to **F**  
3rd time, skip ahead to **I**

27      end Rhy. Fig. 2

P.M.      P.M.      P.M.      P.M.

Bass Fill 2

**E** 1st Guitar Solo (1:31)      go back to **B** 3rd Verse

D5      Cadd2      G5      D5      Cadd2      G5

Gtr. 1 plays Rhy. Fig. 3 twice (see below)

Gtr. 2      slight P.H.      grad. bend      dig in      P.H.      P.H.      w/bar - 1/2

30      P.M.      P.H.      P.H.      P.H.

Bass plays Bass Fig. 1 twice (see bar 9)

Rhy. Fig. 3 (1:31)

D5      Cadd2      G5

Gtr. 1

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**F** (2:18)

you here I come  
G5 G6 G5 Alabama

**G** 2nd Guitar Solo (2:20)

D5 C5 G5  
Gtrs. 1 and 2 play Rhy. Fig. 4 eight times (see below)  
Gtr. 3 (w/light dist.)

34 Gtrs. 1 and 2 P.M. P.M. Gtr. 3 (w/light dist.) w/bar... -1/2

D5 C5 G5 D5 C5

37 Bass plays Bass Fig. 4 seven times (see bar 35)

40 G5 D5 C5 G5

D5 C5 G5 D5 C5

43

46 G5 D5 C5 G5

**H** (3:00)

N.C.(D) (C)  
Gtr. 1 plays Riff B1 (see bar 17)  
Gtrs. 2 and 4 play Riff B twice (see bar 17)

49 Bass plays Bass Fig. 2 twice (see bar 17)

Rhy. Fig. 4 (2:20)

D5 D6 D5 C5 C6 C5 G5 G6 G5 G6 G5  
Gtrs. 1 and 2 P.M. P.M.

TAB 4/4

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go back to **B** 4th Verse

52 Gtr. 3 (G) (D) (C) (G)

N.H. w/bar -1  
A B A G

**I** (3:46)

you  
G5 G6 F C  
Gtr. 3 plays Fill 3 (see below)  
Gtrs. 1 and 2

**J** 3rd Chorus (3:49)

Sweet home Alabama Oh sweet home  
D5 D6D5 C5 C6 C5 G5 G6 G5 Csus2  
Gtr. 2 plays Rhy. Fig. 2 (see bar 22)  
Gtr. 1

55 P.M. > > > > P.M. >

Bass plays Bass Fill 2 (see bar 29) Bass plays Bass Fig. 3 twice (see bar 22)

58 D5 D6D5 C5 G5 C5 D5 D6D5 C5 C6C5

Where the skies are so blue and the gov'nor's true Sweet home Ala-

61 G5 G6 G5 Csus2 D5 D6D5 C5 G5 G6 G5 G6 G5

bama Lordy Lord I'm comin' home to you Yeah  
Gtr. 1 and 2 P.M. > > > > P.M. >

Bass substitutes Bass Fill 3 (see bar 34)

**K** Piano Solo (4:08)

yeah (1st time)

D5 D6D5 C5 C6C5 G5 G6 G5 G6G5 D5 D6D5 C5 C6C5 G5 G6 G5 C5

64 Gtr. 2 (play 3 times) (play 4 times and fade)

Gtr. 1 (play 3 times) (play 4 times and fade)

Bass (play 3 times) (play 4 times and fade)

Fill 3 (3:46)

G5 F C D5 C5

Gtr. 3