

THESE DREAMS (Jim Croce)

Written by Jim Croce in the key of Dm in 4/4 time
Released on the album: [Life & Times](#) (1973)
Fingerstyle version for single acoustic guitar
These Dreams on [Wikipedia](#) | [Live](#) | [YouTube](#)

thumb: x	Hammer on: h	Bend up:)	Play or don't: []
index: a	Pull off: p	Bend down: (Break: p
dirty: b	Slide up: /	Grab but don't pick: !	
ring: c	Slide down: \	Staccato: :	
pinky: d	Arpeggio: ~~~	Mute: m	

INTRO (Keep the pinky on the b-string in the red marked part)

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e-----1a-----1a-----|-----1a-----0-----| picking pattern:  
b-----3d-----3d-----|-----3d-----3d-----| x - a - bc - a ( 4x )  
g-----2b-----2b-----2b-----2b-----|-----2b-----2b-----0-----0-----|  
D---0-----|-----|  
A-----3c-----|-----1a-----|  
E-----3c-----|-----3c-----|  
                                     <- full barré ->
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e-----3a-----|-----1a---1ap0-----| picking pattern:  
b---2b---3d---/---5d-----|---\-----3d-----| xb - a ( 3x )  
g-----0-----0-----0-----0-----|-----2b-----| xc - a  
D-----0-----|-----0-----3c---2a---0---| x - b - b - b - a - x - x - x  
A---0-----2a---/---4a-----4b-----|-----|  
E-----|-----|  
    <----- Hint ----->
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e-----0-----0-----|-----| picking pattern:  
b-----3d-----3d-----/---6d-----\---5d-----\---3d-----| x - a - bc - a ( 2x )  
g-----0-----0-----0-----0-----|-----0-----0-----0-----0-----| xb - a ( 3x )  
D-----|-----| x - a  
A---1a-----|-----5b-----3a-----1a-----|  
E-----3c-----|-----3c-----|  
                                     <----- Hint ----->
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e-----1a-----0-----|-----0-----| picking pattern:  
b-----3d-----3d---|---3d-----3d---2bh3cp2b---0---2b---| xc - a ( 2x )  
g-----0-----0-----0-----0-----|-----0-----| xb - a - x - b  
D-----0-----|-----| xb - a - c - b  
A-----3c-----1a-----|---0-----0-----| xb - b - b  
E-----3c-----|-----|  
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1ST VERSE

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... Once we were lovers ... but ...  
e-----1a-----1a-----|-----1a-----0-----| picking pattern:  
b-----3d-----3d-----|-----3d-----3d-----| x - a - bc - a ( 4x )  
g-----2b-----2b-----2b-----2b-----|-----2b-----2b-----0-----0-----|  
D---0-----|-----|  
A-----3c-----|-----1a-----|  
E-----3c-----|-----3c-----|  
                                     <- full barré ->
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... somehow things have changed ...  
e-----3a-----|-----1a---1ap0-----| picking pattern:  
b---2b---3d---/---5d-----|---\-----3d-----| xb - a ( 3x )  
g-----0-----0-----0-----0-----|-----2b-----| xc - a  
D-----0-----|-----0-----3c---2a---0---| x - b - b - b - a - x - x - x  
A---0-----2a---/---4a-----4b-----|-----|  
E-----|-----|  
    <----- Hint ----->
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... now we're just lonely people ...  
e-----0-----0-----|-----| picking pattern:  
b-----3d-----3d-----/---6d-----\---5d-----\---3d-----| x - a - bc - a ( 2x )  
g-----0-----0-----0-----0-----|-----0-----0-----0-----0-----| xb - a ( 3x )  
D-----|-----| x - a  
A---1a-----|-----5b-----3a-----1a-----|  
E-----3c-----|-----3c-----|  
                                     <----- Hint ----->
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... trying to forget each other's names ...  
e-----1a-----0-----|-----0-----| picking pattern:  
b-----3d-----3d---|---3d-----3d---2bh3cp2b---0---2c---| xc - a ( 2x )  
g-----0-----0-----0-----0-----|-----0-----| xb - a - x - b  
D-----0-----|-----| xb - a - c - b  
A-----3c-----1a-----|---0-----0-----| xb - b - b  
E-----3c-----|-----|  
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CHORUS

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... What came between us ? ...  
e-----2c-----2c-----|-----0-----| picking pattern:  
b-----3d-----3d-----|-----3d-----3d-----2b-----| x - a - bc - a ( 2x )  
g-----2b-----2b-----2b-----2b-----|-----0-----0-----0-----0-----| x - a - c - b  
D---0-----|-----| xb - a - xb - a  
A-----2a-----|-----0-----0-----|  
E-----|-----|  
    <----- Hint ----->
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... maybe we were just too young to know ...

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e-----2b-----2a-----|-----2a-----2b-----| picking pattern:
b-----3c-----3b-----|-----3b-----3c-----| x - a - bc - a ( 4x )
g-----2a-----2a-----2a-----2a-----|-----4d-----4d-----2a-----2a-----|
D---0-----|-----|
A-----4d-----|-----2a-----0-----|
E-----|-----|

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<----- full barré ----->

... now and then I ...

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e-----3d-----2c-----| picking pattern:
b-----0-----0-----| x - a - bc - a ( 2x )
g-----0-----0-----2b-----2b-----|
D-----|-----|
A-----|-----|
E---3c-----2a-----|

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... feel the same ... and some- ...

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e-----0-----0-----|-----0-----| picking pattern:
b-----3d-----3d-----|---0h2b-----0---3d-----/--5d-----| x - a - bc - x - a - bc - x - a
g-----0-----0-----0---|-----0-----0-----| xb - c - b - xb - a - xb - a
D-----2b-----|-----|
A-----2a-----|---0-----2a-----/--4a-----|
E---0-----|-----|

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... times at night I think I hear you calling my name ...

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e-----2b-----2a-----|-----2a-----2b-----| picking pattern:
b-----3c-----3b-----|-----3b-----3c-----| x - a - bc - a ( 4x )
g-----2a-----2a-----2a-----2a-----|-----4d-----4d-----2a-----2a-----|
D---0-----|-----|
A-----4d-----|-----2a-----0-----|
E-----|-----|

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<----- full barré ----->

... hmmm, hmmm, hmmm, these ...

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e-----3d-----2c-----| picking pattern:
b-----0-----0-----| x - a - bc - a ( 2x )
g-----0-----0-----2b-----2b-----|
D-----|-----|
A-----|-----|
E---3c-----2a-----|

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... dreams ... they keep me going these ...

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e-----0-----0-----|-----0-----2cp0-----| picking pattern:
b-----3d-----3d-----|-----0-----0-----| x - a - b - xc - b - a - x - a
g-----0-----0-----0---|-----0-----0-----| x - x - a - b - xc - b - a
D-----2b-----|---!-----2b-----|
A-----2a-----|---0-----| !: keep 2b pressed
E---0-----|-----|

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... days ...

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e-----2c-----|-----0-----| picking pattern:
b-----3d-----|-----3d---3d---2b-----| x - a - bc - a
g-----2b-----2b-----|-----0-----0-----0---| x - x - x
D---0-----|-----| x - a - c - b - xb - a - xb - a
A-----0h2a-----2a-----|-----0-----0-----|
E-----|-----0-----| repeat tab 1x

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2ND VERSE (same tab as 1st verse)

... Once we were lovers ... but ...
 ... that was long ago ...
 ... we lived together then ... and ...
 ... now we do not even say hello ...
 ... we lived together then ... and ...
 ... now we do not even say hello ...

CHORUS (same tab)

... What came between us? ...
 ... maybe we were just too young to know ...
 ... now and then I ...
 ... feel the same ... and some- ...
 ... times at night I think I hear you calling my name ...
 ... hmmm, hmmm, hmmm, these ...
 ... dreams ... they keep me going these ...
 ... days ...

OUTRO

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e-----1a-----1a-----|---1a:-----| picking pattern:
b-----3d-----3d-----|---3d:---2b:-----| x - a - bc - a ( 2x )
g-----2b-----2b-----2b-----2b---|---2b:---1a:-----| xabc ( 2x )
D---0-----|-----1a:-----|
A-----3c-----|---1a:---0:-----|
E-----|-----|

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Finish the song with a strummed D chord