

Never Going Back Again (Fleetwood Mac)

Written by Lindsey Buckingham in the key of C in 4/4 time

Released on the Album: Rumours (1977)

Released as a single in 1977

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This song can be played in [Drop D](#) or [Drop C](#) tuning

It's easier to play in Drop C tuning and that's the way it's been recorded on *Rumours*

Later in years, Buckingham changed to drop D tuning and enhanced the song with a little guitar solo

The tab shown below features the original version in Drop C tuning

There are four different gripping patterns to study

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

1ST PATTERN

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e-----|-----3d-----3d-----| picking pattern:
b-----1a-----0h1a-----|-----1a-----1a-----| x - xb - x - xb Note
g-----0-----0-----0-----0-----| x - a - xc - b - xa - c - xb - a
D-----2b-----0h2b-----|-----2b-----2b-----|
G-----0-----0-----0-----0-----|
C-----0-----0-----0-----0-----|
      ¼ ¼ ¼ ¼
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e-----|-----3d-----3d-----| picking pattern:
b-----1ap0-----3d-----|-----1a-----1a-----| x - xb - x - xb Note
g-----0-----0-----0-----0-----| xb - a - xc - b - xa - c - ab - a
D-----2bp0-----3c-----|-----2b-----2b-----|
G-----0-----0-----0-----0-----|
C-----0-----0-----0-----0-----|
      ¼ ¼ ¼ ¼
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2ND PATTERN

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e---0-----0-----0-----0-----|-----0-----0-----0-----0---| picking pattern:
b-----3d-----3d-----3d-----|-----3d-----3d-----3d-----| xc - b - x - c - xb - a - xc - b
g-----0-----0-----0-----0-----|-----0-----0-----0-----0-----| x - c - xb - a - xc - b - x - c
D-----3c-----3c-----3c-----|-----3c-----3c-----3c-----|
G-----0-----0-----0-----0-----|-----0-----0-----0-----0-----|
C-----0-----0-----0-----0-----|-----0-----0-----0-----0-----|
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e-----|-----3d-----| picking pattern:
b---1a-----3d--/--5d--3d---|-----1a-----3d-----1a---| xb - a - x - xb - xb Note
g-----0-----0-----0-----0-----|-----0-----0-----0-----0-----| xb - x - c - x - a - x - b
D-----2b---3c--/--5c---3c---|-----2b-----0-----2b-----|
G-----0-----0-----0-----0-----|-----0-----0-----0-----0-----|
C-----0-----0-----0-----0-----|-----0-----0-----0-----0-----|
      ¼ ¼ ¼
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3RD PATTERN

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e-----8d-----7c-----|-----8d-----8d-----0-----| picking pattern:
b-----8d-----8d-----8d-----8d-----| x - xc - x - c - x - a
g-----5a-----5a-----5a-----5a-----| xc - b - xa - c - xb - a - xc - b
D-----5a-----5a-----5a-----5a-----|
G-----0-----0-----0-----0-----|
C-----0-----0-----0-----0-----|
      ¼ ¼
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e-----8d---7c-----|-----8d-----8d-----0-----| picking pattern:
b-----6b-----5a-----|-----8d-----8d-----8d-----| x - xc - xc - b - x - a
g-----5a-----5a-----5a-----|-----5a-----5a-----5a-----| xc - b - xa - c - xb - a - xc - b
D-----5a-----5a-----5a-----|-----5a-----5a-----5a-----|
G-----0-----0-----0-----0-----|
C-----0-----0-----0-----0-----|
      ¼ ¼
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e-----8d-----7c-----|-----8d-----8d-----0-----| picking pattern:
b-----8d-----8d-----8d-----0-----| x - xc - x - c - x - a
g-----5a-----5a-----5a-----|-----5a-----5a-----5a-----| xc - b - xa - c - xb - a - xc
D-----5a-----5a-----5a-----|-----5a-----5a-----5a-----|
G-----0-----0-----0-----0-----|
C-----0-----0-----0-----0-----|
      ¼ ¼
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4TH PATTERN

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e-----|-----3d-----| picking pattern:
b-----1a-----0-----|-----1a-----0h1a-----| x - xb - x - b - x - a Note
g-----0-----0-----|-----0-----0-----| xb - a - x - c - x - a - xb
D-----2c-----0-----|-----2c-----0h2b-----|
G-----2b-----0-----|-----0-----0-----|
C-----4d-----|-----0-----|
      ¼ ¼ ¼
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The song's pattern sequence as recorded on *Rumours*:

INTRO

1st pattern
2nd pattern

1ST VERSE

1st pattern
2nd pattern
1st pattern
2nd pattern

CHORUS

3rd pattern
4th pattern

INSTRUMENTAL

1st pattern
2nd pattern
1st pattern
2nd pattern
1st pattern
2nd pattern
3rd pattern
4th pattern

2ND VERSE

1st pattern
2nd pattern
1st pattern
2nd pattern

CHORUS

3rd pattern
4th pattern

OUTRO

1st pattern

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e-----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----|
b-----3d-----3d-----3d-----3d-----3d-----3d-----|
g-----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----|
D-----3c-----3c-----3c-----3c-----3c-----3c-----|
G-----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----|
C-----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----|

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picking pattern:
xc - b - x - c - xb - a - xc - b
x - c - xb - a - xc - b - x - c

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e-----| picking pattern:
b-----1a-----3d--/--5d---3d-----1a-----| xb - a - x - xb - xb
g-----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----| xb ~ x
D-----2b---3c--/--5c---3c---2b-----|
G-----0-----0-----0-----0-----|
C-----0-----0-----0-----0-----|

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