

The chord positions shown here are based on Michael's performances in the videos linked below. Other performances of this song show small variations here and there as Michael liked to ad lib as the feeling hit him. He was that good.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PRT9mA6NQJQ&feature=youtu.be> 59:17

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KElfxnHI2Fg&feature=youtu.be> 18:28

I have neither the patience nor skill to write tablature and so leave it to each player to figure out the picking.

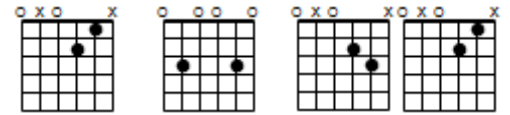
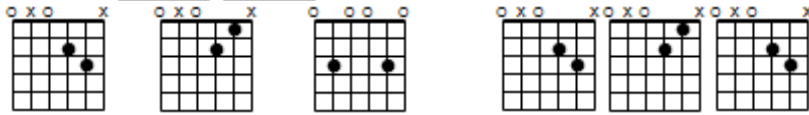
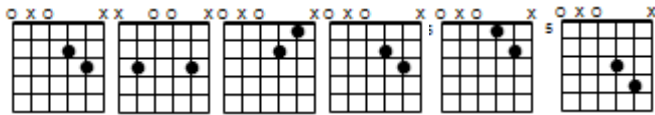
It is my hope that, at the least, this document could serve as a starting point for someone wanting to play the wonderful songs that Michael Johnson gave to us.

Sincerely,

Paul Ashley

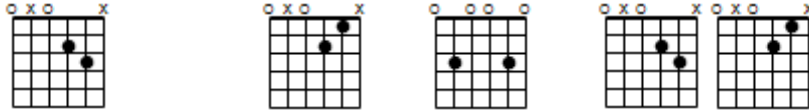
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Dropped D – Capo 2

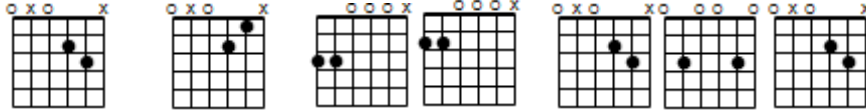


I ride a roller coaster up and down an asphalt track.

Runs from Kingsport, Tennessee to Baltimore and back.



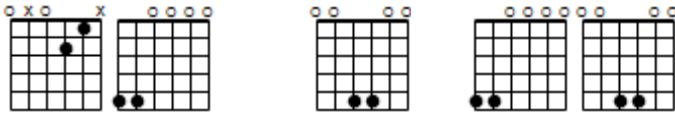
I drive the Blue Ridge mountains in an eighteen year old truck.



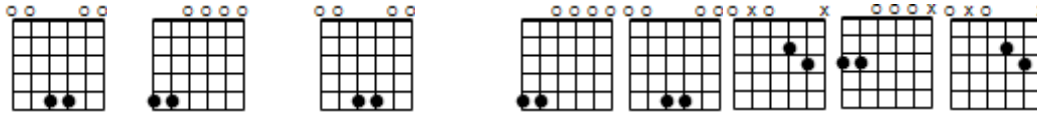
Takes a little cheating and it takes a little luck.

(to Chorus 1)

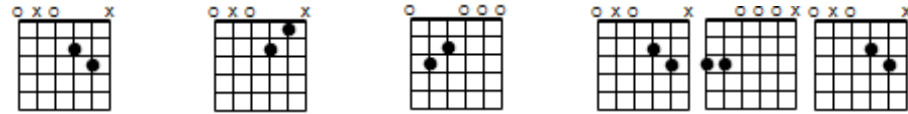
**CHORUS 1**



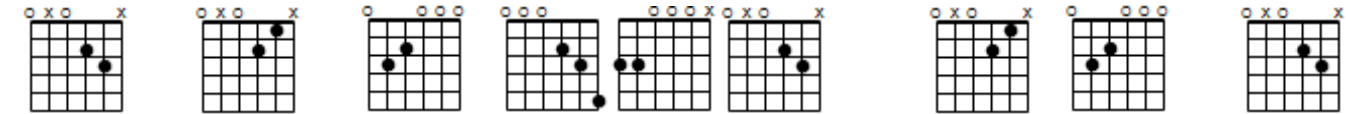
And it's up too slow, down too fast. When will I be done?



And each hill's higher than the last on this roller coaster run.

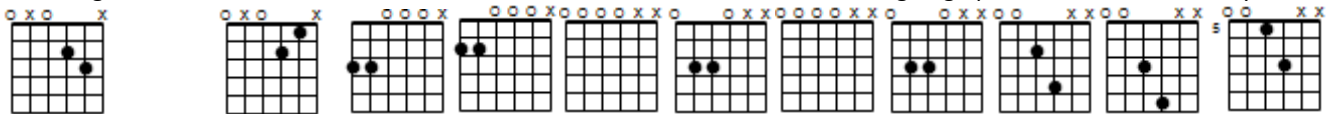


It's one day there, it's one day back, it's one day with my wife.

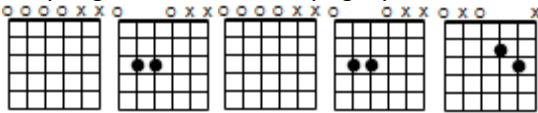


And late at night we talk about our roller coaster life.

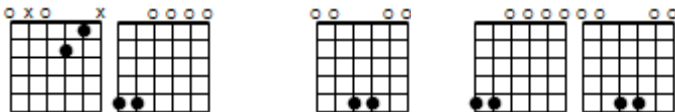
Seems to me when going up, the law should be obeyed.



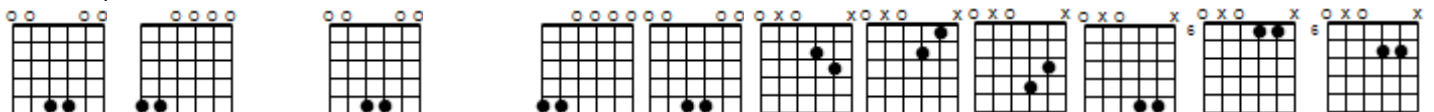
But you got to come down flying if you want to make the grade.



**CHORUS 2**



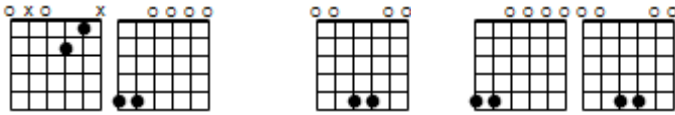
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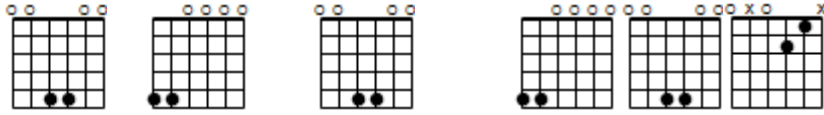
My future looks just like my past on this roller coaster

run.

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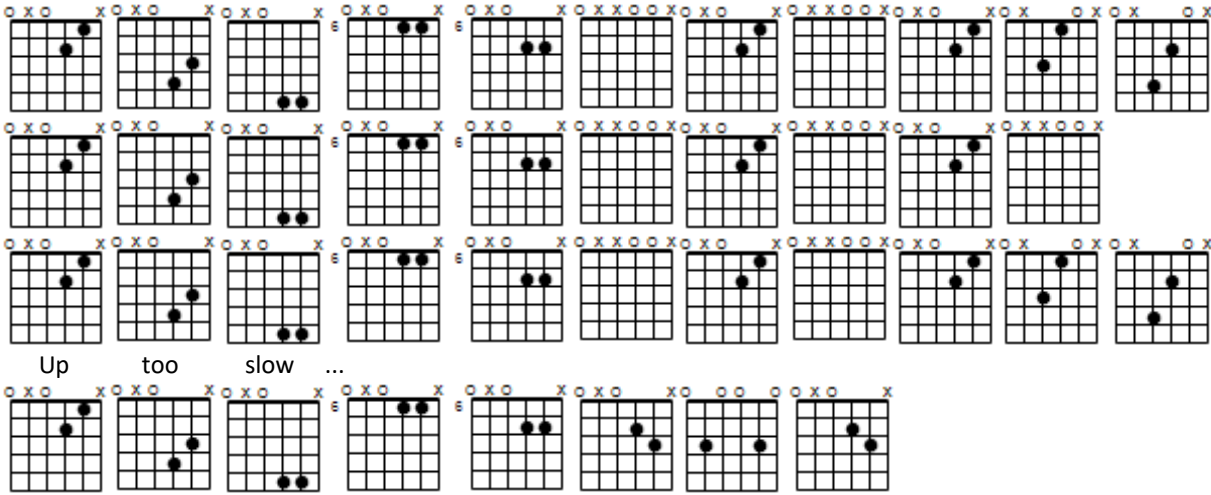


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And each hill's higher than the last on this roller coaster run (to Coda)

CODA\*



\* MJ does the coda several ways, sometimes repeating the first two lines shown multiple times. He also uses only the first and last lines shown here for a short, punchy ending with no vocal.

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