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Hi there everyone, I hope you are all well and looking forward to playing some guitar.

Today I would like us to enjoy a song from a band called Stealers Wheel. You have most likely heard this song many times and probably sung along to it.

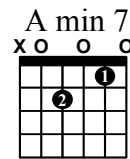
The chords are not difficult and you are familiar with them all except maybe the **A min 7**.

This is a cool chord to play as it is almost the same fingering as the **C chord** it is just one less fretted note.

So for the **A min7** chord we place...

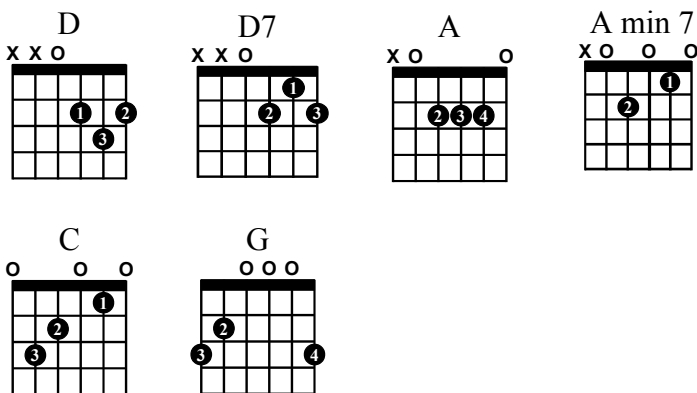
Finger 1 on the **B string** at the **1st Fret**.

Finger 2 on the **D string** at the **2nd Fret**.



As you can see we do not play the **low E string** in this **Amin 7** chord but we do strum across all the other 5 strings.

The chords in this song are shown below.



All the chords in this song are played for one bar (4 beats) each time except for the **C** and **G** chords in the chorus's that are placed in brackets like this (C) (G). These chords last for half a bar (2 Beats) each only.

THE STRUMMING PATTERN



This pattern is also straight forward. Down strokes on the beat and upstrokes on the offbeat, there is a slight accent on the upstrokes almost like a reggae rhythm.

DOWN **UP** DOWN **UP** DOWN **UP** DOWN **UP**.

There are 8 strums to a 4 beat bar, so lets give it a go.....

STUCK IN THE MIDDLE WITH YOU by STEALERS WHEEL

INTRO 1*2*3*4*

D D D D

VERSE 1

D D

Well I don't know why I came here tonight,

D D

I got the feeling that something ain't right,

G G

I'm so scared in case I fall off my chair,

D D

And I'm wondering how I'll get down the stairs,

CHORUS

A

Clowns to the left of me,

(C) (G) D

Jokers to the right, here I am,

D

Stuck in the middle with you

VERSE 2

D

D

Yes I'm stuck in the middle with you,

D

D

And I'm wondering what it is I should do,

G

G

It's so hard to keep this smile from my face,

D

D

Losing control, yeah, I'm all over the place,

CHORUS

A

Clowns to the left of me,

(C)

(G)

jokers to the right,

D

D

Here I am, stuck in the middle with you

BRIDGE

G

Well you started out with nothing,

G

D

D7

And you're proud that you're a self made man,

G

And your friends, they all come crawlin,

G

Slap you on the back and say,

D D Am7 Am7 (chords to be played on first beat of bar and left ringing)

Please, please.

INTRO

D D D D

VERSE 3

D D

Trying to make some sense of it all,

D D

But I can see that it makes no sense at all,

G G

Is it cool to go to sleep on the floor,

D D

'Cause I don't think that I can take anymore

CHORUS

A

Clowns to the left of me,

(C) (G)

jokers to the right,

D D7

Here I am, stuck in the middle with you

BRIDGE

G

Well you started out with nothing,

G D D7

And you're proud that you're a self made man,

G

And your friends, they all come crawlin,

G

Slap you on the back and say,

D D Am7 Am7 (*chords played on first beat of bar and left ringing*)

Please, please.

VERSE 1 REPEAT

D D

Well I don't know why I came here tonight,

D D

I got the feeling that something ain't right,

G G

I'm so scared in case I fall off my chair,

D D

And I'm wondering how I'll get down the stairs,

CHORUS

A

Clowns to the left of me,

(C) (G) D

Jokers to the right, here I am,

D

Stuck in the middle with you,

OUTRO

D D

Yes I'm stuck in the middle with you,

D D

Stuck in the middle with you,

D D. *hold this chord and let it ring*

Here I am stuck in the middle with you.

So there you go, a great popsong with some nice yet simple chord changes. There is a video available at the Core website to accompany this handout which demonstrates the song and all you need to know to be able to perform it.

Ok then, I hope you all stay well and hopefully we will be able to get together in a room and play all together very soon. Looking forward to that.

Take Care now,

all the best

Mickey.