

# Friend of the Devil (1970)

11/2/2021

key: **[G]** artist: Grateful Dead writer: Hunter/Garcia

*David D sings the entire song. There are no vocal parts for the band.*

*Strumming pattern: Strum on 2 and 4 beats of each measure.*

*Picking pattern: play a G scale from high to low for the verses (on 1 and 3).*

*For the refrains and bridges, pickers should play alternating bass notes, not the G scale.*

*The refrains and bridges are marked and shaded for clarity.*

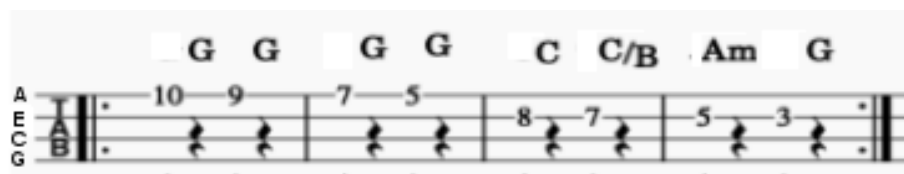
**Intro:**

*G Scale played a total of 5 times.*

*David plays the scale once by himself to set the tempo, then others join in for a total of 5 G scales.*

*This picking diagram is for soprano uke or other instruments with A-E-C-G tuning.*

*Pick on the numbers, strum on the rests:*



*Intro chords (two strums (on the rests) for each measure, as diagramed above:*

**[G] [G] [G] [G] [C] [C/B] [Am] [G]**

**Verse 1:**

**[G]** I lit out from Reno, I was **[C]** trailed by twenty hounds

**[G]** Didn't get to sleep last night 'till the **[C]** morning came around.

**Refrain:**

**[D]** Set out runnin' but I take my time,

A **[Am]** friend of the devil is a friend of mine

If **[D]** I get home before daylight, I **[Am]** just might get some sleep

to-**[D]** night. **///**

**Verse 2:**

**[G]** Ran into the devil, babe, he **[C]** loaned me twenty bills

I **[G]** spent the night in Utah in a **[C]** cave up in the hills.

**Refrain:**

**[D]** Set out runnin' but I take my time,

A **[Am]** friend of the devil is a friend of mine

If **[D]** I get home before daylight, I **[Am]** just might get some sleep

to-**[D]** night. **[D] ///**

**Verse 3:**

I **[G]** ran down to the levee but the **[C]** devil caught me there

He **[G]** took my twenty dollar bill and **[D]** vanished in the air.

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If [D] I get home before daylight, I [Am] just might get some sleep  
to-[D] night. ///

## Bridge:

[D] Got two reasons why I cry away each lonely night,  
The [C] first one's named Sweet Anne Marie, and she's my hearts delight.  
The [D] second one is prison, babe, the sheriff's on my trail,  
And [Am] if he catches up with me, I'll [C] spend my life in [D] jail ///

## Verse 4:

[G] Got a wife in Chino, babe, and [C] one in Cherokee  
The [G] first one says she's got my child, but [C] it don't look like me.

## Refrain:

[D] Set out runnin' but I take my time,  
A [Am] friend of the devil is a friend of mine  
If [D] I get home before daylight, I [Am] just might get some sleep  
to-[D] night.///

*Instrumental solo: There could be as many as 4 solos, depending on who wants to play them.*

[G] [C] [G] [C] [D] [Am] [D] [Am] [D] ///

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[G] Got a wife in Chino, babe, and [C] one in Cherokee  
[G] The first one says she's got my child, but [C] it don't look like me.

## Outro:

[D] Set out runnin' but I take my time  
A [Am] friend of the devil is a friend of mine  
If [D] I get home before daylight, I [Am] just might get some sleep  
*Single strum:* to-[D] night.

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## Links:

<https://tabs.ultimate-guitar.com/tab/grateful-dead/friend-of-the-devil-chords-1087323>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XacvydVrhul>

## Release History:

- 11/2/2021 Documented the strum pattern and pick pattern for the G scale.  
Up to 4 instrumental soloists may play the solo, as required  
Shaded the refrains and bridges for clarity. These should be strummed, not picked.  
The intro descending G scale will be played 5 times total.
- 10/29/2021 Published in standard format
- 10/24/2021 Introduced to the band