

Take A Lot Of Pride

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Capo 1st fret to play along with the record.

To play along with the record, hit the base note once, i.e., "C", then strum the remaining strings twice (minus the base note). This is done on the following chords: C, Cadd2/B, Am7, G7/A, F, & F/D

Cadd2/B: x20010 G7/A: 300001
 Am7: x02010 F/D: xx0211

Intro:

C Cadd2/B Am7 G7/A
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Verse 1:

 Dm
 Things I learned in a hobo jungle
 C Cadd2/B Am7 G7/A
 Were things they never taught me in a classroom,
 Dm
 Like where to find a handout
 C Cadd2/B Am7 G7/A
 While thumbin' through Chicago in the afternoon.
 C (strum, no walk on base here)
 Hey, I'm not braggin' or complainin',
 F F/D Dm
 I'm just talkin' to myself man to man.
 This ole' mental fat I'm chewin' didn't take alot of doin'.
 C Cadd2/B Am7 G7/A
 But I Take Alot Of Pride In What I Am.

Verse 2:

I guess I grew up a loner, I don't remember ever havin' any folks around.
 But I keep thumbin' through the phone books,
 And lookin' for my daddy's name in every town.
 And I meet lots of friendly people, that I always end up leavin' on the lam.
 Hey, where I've been or where I'm goin' didn't take alot of knowin',
 But I Take Alot Of Pride In What I Am.

Verse 3:

I never travel in a hurry, 'Cause I got nobody waitin' for me anywhere.
 Home is anywhere I'm livin',
 If it's sleepin' on some vacant bench in City Square,
 Or if I'm workin' on some road gang,
 Or just livin' off the fat of our great land.
 I never been nobody's idol, But at least I got a title,
 And I Take Alot Of Pride In What I Am.