

Gimme Shelter – The Rolling Stones

Strumming Pattern: basically all downstrokes with 8th notes being played.

Tempo: 115 bpm/120 bpm (depending on your preference. I THINK mine is at 115.)

Chords Used:

C#: x4666x

B: x2444x

A: x02220 (or 577655)

Notes: There is some stuff here you can play. Be sure to grab the “added guitar parts” file. As you most likely already know, I tend to use pickup lines like “I say” or “I said.” I know it's irritating, but I do it to let you know something new is coming up. In this case, the chords never really change, so I thought it would be good to give you that heads up.

Intro: C# - B – A (x4)

C#

Ooh, a storm is threatening my very life today

If I don't get some shelter, oh yeah I'm gonna fade away

CHORUS 1

(C#) B A

War, children, it's just a shot away, it's just a shot away

C# B A

War, children, it's just a shot away, it's just a shot away

C#

Oh.....

(C#)

Ooh, see the fire is sweepin, our very streets today

Burns like a red coal carpet, mad bull lost its way

(repeat chorus 1 and hold C# for a bit)

C# - B – A (repeat)

CHORUS 3:

C# B A

Rape, murder, it's just a shot away, it's just a shot away

Rape, murder, it's just a shot away, it's just a shot away

Rape, murder, it's just a shot away, it's just a shot away, yeah

C#

Oh.....

(C#)

Mmm, the flood is threatening, my very life today
No if I don't get no shelter, I'm gonna fade away

CHORUS 4:

C# B A

War, children, it's just a shot away, it's just a shot away

C# B A

War, children, it's just a shot away, it's just a shot away

C# B A

I said, love, sister, it's just a kiss away, it's just a kiss away

C# B A

It's just a kiss away, it's just a kiss away, kiss away, kiss away, yeah

(at this point it's a matter of just playing C# - B - A over and over, ending on C#)