

I Walk The Line

Words & Music by Johnny Cash

Verse 1

^E I keep a close watch on this heart of mine ^A

^E I keep my eyes wide open all the time. ^A

^D I keep the ends out for the tie that binds, ^A

^E Because you're mine, I walk the line. ^A

Verse 2

I find it very, very easy to be true
I find myself alone when each day is through
Yes I'll admit that I'm a fool for you,
Because you're mine, I walk the line.

Verse 3

As sure as night is dark and day is light,
I keep you on my mind both day and night.
And happiness I've known proves that it's right
Because you're mine, I walk the line.

Verse 4

You've got a way to keep me on your side
You give me cause for love that I can't hide.
For you I know I'd even try and turn the tide
Because you're mine, I walk the line.

Verse 5

I keep close watch on this heart of mine,
I keep my eyes wide open all the time.
I keep the ends out for the tie that binds,
Because you're mine, I walk the line.



Introduction

The song, the movie, the man... one of *the* definitive Country songs.



Simplifications

This song has been heavily simplified so you can play it with just three chords. The original version has some key changes and we've just pulled it back so it's all in the same key. So, don't try and play this along with the recording. It really won't sound nice!



'Boom chick-a boom chick-a'

Make sure you master this song playing four-strums-per-bar before trying more advanced strumming. When you're feeling confident, you could have a go at the pattern below—Johnny Cash used this kind of strum a lot. This 'train' strumming sounds best with a heavy accent on beats 2 and 4, with the off-beats played very lightly. Think 'boom chick-a boom chick-a'.

