

Heartland

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Key: Em • Time: 4/4

INTRO

[Em] [C] [G] [D] (x2)

VERSE 1

[Em] Beneath the old iron **[C]** bridges, across the Victorian **[G]** parks

[D] And all the frightened people running home before dark

[Em] Past the Saturday morning **[C]** cinema, that lies crumbling to the **[G]** ground

[D] The panic in their faces when they hear the siren sound

CHORUS

[C] This is the **[B7]** 51st state of the **[Em]** USA

[G] This is the **[C]** 51st state of the **[B7]** USA

[Em] This is the **[C]** 51st state of the **[G]** USA

[D] Yeah, yeah, yeah

VERSE 2

[Em] The power and the glory **[C]** just another story

[G] The great British dream **[D]** fading fast

[Em] And the walls get higher **[C]** and the people smaller

[G] I watch them shrink away **[D]** as I walk past

CHORUS

[C] This is the **[B7]** 51st state of the **[Em]** USA

[G] This is the **[C]** 51st state of the **[B7]** USA

[Em] This is the **[C]** 51st state of the **[G]** USA

[D] Yeah, yeah, yeah

VERSE 3

[Em] No roots, no trees, no **[C]** family, no nations

[G] Just greedy corporations **[D]** feeding on their own frustrations

[Em] All the public enemies **[C]** that we've ever known

[G] Are in this little island **[D]** sitting on its own

CHORUS

[C] This is the **[B7]** 51st state of the **[Em]** USA

[G] This is the **[C]** 51st state of the **[B7]** USA

[Em] This is the **[C]** 51st state of the **[G]** USA

[D] Yeah, yeah, yeah

OUTRO

[Em] [C] [G] [D] (repeat and fade)

Ukulele Tips: Chords: ****Em, C, G, D, B7**** — classic minor-key rock set.

Keep a steady, pulsing ****down-down-up-up-down-up**** at around 95 bpm for that hypnotic drive.

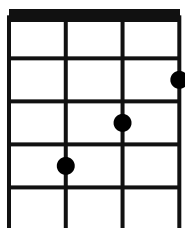
Mute slightly with the side of your palm to emulate the song's tight rhythm section.

Sing half-spoken, half-sung — Matt Johnson's delivery is more storyteller than crooner.

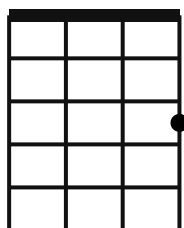
If you've got a low-G uke, use the G string as a faux bassline: alternate open G and 2nd fret for extra depth.

Finish on a slow Em strum — let it hang, bleak and beautiful.

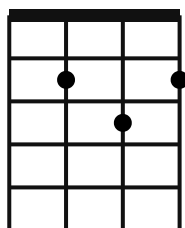
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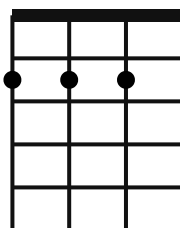
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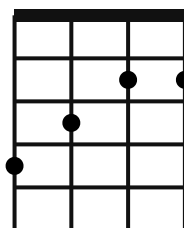
C



G



D



B7