

Johnny B. Goode Chuck Berry 1958

Early working paper

Play along: <https://youtu.be/T38v3-SSGcM>

Struggling to find a key which is feasible to sing in and play plausible facsimiles of the lead breaks. The original is in Bb so G might work

Intro: lead break over:
[tacit]

Deep 1 down in Louisiana close to New Orleans
Way back up in the woods among the evergreens
There 47 stood a log cabin made of earth and wood
Where 1 lived a country boy named Johnny B. Goode
Who 5 never ever learned to read or write so well
But he could 1 play a guitar just like a-ringin' a bell

Go go
Go Johnny go go
Go Johnny go go
Go Johnny go go
Go Johnny go go
Johnny B. Goode

He used to carry his guitar in a gunny sack
Go sit beneath the tree by the railroad track
Oh, the engineers would see him sitting in the shade
Strumming with the rhythm that the drivers made
The people passing by they would stop and say
"Oh my but that little country boy could play"

Instrumental verse

His mother told him "Someday you will be a man
And you will be the leader of a big old band
Many people coming from miles around
To hear you play your music when the sun go down
Maybe someday your name will be in lights
Saying 'Johnny B. Goode tonight' "

Optional outro verse with solo

*All the chords are the blues riff chords, played three times

[G*] = 0232 0432 0232 0432 0232 0432

[C*] = 0003 2003 0003 2003 0003 2003

[D*] = 2220 2222 2220 2222 2220 2222

Solo – and riff over the * chords - uses a lot of first two strings

10 8, 8 7, 6/7 5 and 12 10, 9 8, 8 7, 7 5