

Johnny B. Goode

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With a beat

The piano introduction consists of four measures. The right hand plays a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes: G4, A4, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4, B2, A2, G2. The left hand plays a simple bass line: G2, B1, D2, G1, B1, D2, G2, B2, D2, G2, B2, D2.

F

The first system of the song features a vocal line and piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with a rest, followed by the lyrics: "1. Deep down in Lou-'si-a-na, close to New Or-leans, 'way back up in the woods a-mong the". The piano accompaniment consists of a steady eighth-note pattern in the right hand and a simple bass line in the left hand.

F7

Bb7

F

The second system of the song continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The vocal line includes the lyrics: "e-ver-greens; there stood an old ca-bin made of earth and wood, where lived a coun-try boy named". The piano accompaniment remains consistent with the first system.

C

F

The third system of the song concludes the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The vocal line includes the lyrics: "John-ny B. Goode. Who'd ne-ver e-ver learned to read or write so well, but he could play a gui-tar... just like a". The piano accompaniment remains consistent with the previous systems.

ring-in' a bell. Go! Go! — Go! — John-ny! Go! Go! — Go! — John-ny! Go! Go!

mf

F⁶ F⁷

Go! — John-ny! Go! Go! — Go! — John-ny! Go! Go! —

B^{b9} F⁶ C⁷

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F⁶ F⁶ C^{aug7} 3fr F G^{b7} 2fr F⁶

Verse 2:

He used to carry his guitar in a gunny sack,
 Go sit beneath the tree by the railroad track;
 Of' engineer in the train sittin' in the shade,
 Strummin' with the rhythm that the drivers made.
 The people passin' by, they would stop and say
 Oh my, but that little country boy could play.

Verse 3:

His mother told him, "Someday you will be a man
 And you will be the leader of a big old band;
 Many people comin' from miles around,
 To hear you play your music till the sun goes down.
 Maybe some day your name 'll be in lights
 A-sayin' Johnny B. Goode tonight."