Free Man In Paris
(simple Joni chords in A)

Words & Music:
Joni Mitchell

A                              D
The way I see it he said, you just can't win it,
C                                              G
Everybody's in it for their own gain; you can't please 'em all,
F                       A
There's always somebody putting you down,
D
I do my best and I do good business,
C                                          G
There's a lot of people asking for my time, they're tryin' to get ahead;
F                   A
They're tryin' to be a good friend of mine.

CHORUS:
F                           G
I was a free man in Paris, I felt unfettered and alive.
C
There was nobody callin' me up for favours & no-one's future to decide.
F                                               G                 C
You know I'd go back there tomorrow but for the work I've taken on,
Asus4          D                A
Stokin' the star-maker machinery behind the popular songs.

Em9  A  |  Em9  A  |  Em9 A
C D F   |  C D G A  |  C D F   |  C D G A

I deal in dreamers and telephone screamers.
Lately I wonder what I do it for; if I had my way,
I'd just walk through those doors and wander down the Champs Elysees.
Going cafe to cabaret, thinking how I'd feel when I find
That very good friend of mine.

CHORUS:

OUTRO:
A  C D F   |  C D G A
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(complex version in open D)

Notes from Howard: "Open D Tuning (D A D F# A D) ... For the verse and chorus I'll just put down the chord shapes once each time the chord changes. Check out the record for details on strumming."

INTRO:
D--------5---7---10---10-10-10-10--------10--0--5--0-----7---7-7-7-7-7-7---
A--------7---9---12---12-12-12-12---10--0--5--0-----7---7---7-7---7---7-7-7-7---
F#-------6---8---11---11-11-11-11------10--0--5--0-----7---7---7---7---7-7---7-7-7---
D--------5---7---10---10-10-10-10------10--0--5--0-----7---7-7-7-7-7-7-7-7-7-7-7---
A-----------------------------------10--0--5--0-----7---7-7-7-7-7-7-7-7-7-7-7-7---
D-----------------------------------10--0--5--0-----7---7-7-7-7-7-7-7-7-7-7-7-7---

Carry on strumming that chord at the seventh fret for a few bars...

VERSE 1:
D--------7-----------------------------7---------------------------
A--------7-----------------------------7---------------------------
F#-------7-----------------------------8---------------------------
D--------7-----------------------------7---------------------------
A--------7-----------------------------9---------------------------
D--------7-----------------------------7---------------------------

'The way I see it' he said 'you just can't win it, everybody's in it for their own gain you can't please them all there's always somebody shooting you down. I do my best and I do good business
there’s a lot of people asking for my time trying to get ahead

I was a free man in Paris I felt unfettered and alive there was

stoking the star-maker machinery behind the popular song

Then play the intro again, and into the second verse & chorus:

Repeat the last tab line of the chorus, as before, then go back to the intro bit. Play intro bit four times, and that’s it!