

Free Man In Paris

(simple Joni chords in A)

Words & Music:
Joni Mitchell

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 'em all,
There's always somebody putting you down,
I do my best and I do good business,
There's a lot of people asking for my time, they're tryin' to get ahead;
They're tryin' to be a good friend of mine.

CHORUS:

I was a free man in Paris, I felt unfettered and alive.
There was nobody callin' me up for favours & no-one's future to decide.
You know I'd go back there tomorrow but for the work I've taken on,
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)

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Tabber: Howard Wright

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

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--|
 F#---6---8---11---11-11-11-11-----10--0---5--0---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--|
 A-----10--0---5--0---7---7-7---7-7---7-7--|
 D-----10--0---5--0---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

D---5-----5-----|
 A---5-----5-----|
 F#---6-----5-----|
 D---5-----5-----|
 A---7-----5-----|
 D---5-----5-----|

in it for their own gain you can't please them all there's always

D---5-----7-----7-----|
 A---5-----7-----7-----|
 F#---6-----7-----8-----|
 D---5-----7-----7-----|
 A---7-----7-----9-----|
 D---5-----7-----7-----|

somebody shooting you down. I do my best and I do good business

D-----5-----5--
A-----5-----5--
F#-----6-----5--
D-----5-----5--
A-----7-----5--
D-----5-----5--
there's a lot of people asking for my time trying to get ahead

D-----10-----7-----7--7--7--7-----
A-----12-----7-----7--7--7--7-----
F#-----11-----7-----8--7--8--7-----
D-----10-----7-----7--7--7--7-----
A-----7-----9--7--9--7-----
D-----7-----7--7--7--7-----
trying to be a good friend of mine.

CHORUS:

D-----3-----5-----5-----
A-----3-----5-----5-----
F#-----3-----5-----6-----
D-----3-----5-----5-----
A-----3-----5-----7-----
D-----3-----5-----5-----
I was a free man in Paris I felt unfettered and alive there was

D-----7-----7-----5-----7--
A-----7-----7-----5-----7--
F#-----7-----8-----5-----7--
D-----7-----7-----5-----7--
A-----7-----9-----0-----7--
D-----7-----7-----7-----7--
nobody calling me up for favours and noone's future to decide

D-----3-----5-----5-----
A-----3-----5-----5-----
F#-----3-----5-----6-----
D-----3-----5-----5-----
A-----3-----5-----7-----
D-----3-----5-----5-----
you know I'd go back there tomorrow but for the work I've taken on

D-----7-----7-----5-----7--
A-----7-----7-----5-----7--
F#-----7-----8-----5-----7--
D-----7-----7-----5-----7--
A-----7-----9-----0-----7--
D-----7-----7-----7-----7--
stoking the star-maker machinery behind the popular song

D-----4-----4-----7-----7-7--7-7-----
A-----5-----5-----7-----7-7--7-7-----
F#---5---5---5---5---7-----8p7--8p7-----
D-----5---5---5---5---7-----7-7--7-7-----
A---0---0---0---0---7-----9p7--9p7-----
D-----7-----7-----7-----7-----
Repeat this last line 1x

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 !