

# Stray Cat Strut

Words & Music:  
The Stray Cats

Am G F E [*basic riff - originally in Cm*]

Am G F E  
Black and orange stray cat sitting on a fence.  
Ain't got enough dough to pay the rent.  
I'm flat broke but I don't care.

Am [*n.c.*]

I strut right by with my tail in the air.

Dm C Bb A1 [*etc.*]

Stray cat strut, I'm a ladies' cat.  
I'm a feline Casanova. Hey, man, that's that!  
Get a shoe thrown at me from a mean old man.

Dm [*n.c.*] [*back to original riff*]

Get my dinner from a garbage can

BRIDGE:

Dm Am Am1 Am Am1 Am

I don't bother chasin' mice around.

Dm

I slink down the alley, lookin' for a fight,

B1 E1

Howlin' to the moonlight on a hot summer night

Am G F E [*etc.*]

Singin' the blues while the lady cats cry.

Wow, stray cat, you're a real gone guy!

I wish I could be as carefree and wild.

Am [*n.c.*]

But I got cat class and I got cat style.

INSTRUMENTAL VERSE:

BRIDGE:

LAST VERSE REPRISE:

Guitar tab by unknown tabber. Transposed in Am from original Cm.

INTRO LICK:

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e |-----5~--5-----|
B |-----5~--5-----5--3--|
G |-----5~--8\7p5-7-5-----5--3--5--|
D |-----6-----4--|
A |-7-7-7-5-5-5-3-3-3-2--2-2-----7-----|
E |-5-5-5-3-3-3-1-1-1-0--0-0-----|

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FIRST SOLO:

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e | -5-----|
B | -5-----1-4-3--|
G | --7/8\7p5-7-5-----0h0p-----0-----2-----|
D | -----7-5\3-5-3-5-----0-1-0--1-0--2\3-----|
A | -----x\0-----0-----|
E | -----|

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v v v v v ^ v v ^v
-0-0-3-3-1-1-1-0--0-0-----5-----|
-1-1-5-5-3-3-3-3--3-3-----1-4~--4-2~--|
-2-2-4-4-2-2-2-1--1-1-----2-----|
-2-2-5-5-3-3-3-0--0-0-----1-4-----|
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SECOND SOLO:

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v ^ v v ^ v v ^ v^
e | --0-----0-----0-----0-----1--4/5--|
B | --1-----1--1-----1--1-----1--1-----1--4/5--|
G | --2-----2--1--2-----2--1--2-----2--1--2-----22--4/5--|
D | -0-----1-0--0-----1-0--0-----1-0--0-----1-0-----|
A | -0-----3--0--0-----3--0--0-----3--0--0-----3-----|
E | -----0/1-1-0-----0/1-1-0-----0/1-1-0-----0/1-1-0-----|

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-8--7--5-----5~--8--7-5-8-7-5-----5--
-7--6--5-6/-5\--1--0-5~--7--6-----8-7-5--
-8--7--5-5/-5\--2--1-5~--8--7-----7/-
-7--6-----3--2-----7--6-----
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-7/8/7-7-5-----5~-----|
-----7-----7-5-----|
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OUTRO LICK:

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e |-----5-----555555555555~-----5\--|
B |-----555555555555~-----5\--|
G |-----7/-5-7-5-----555555555555~-----6\--|
D |-----7-5--4-5-8~-----7\--|
A |-7-7-7-5-5-5-3-3-3-2--2-2-----7-----7\--|
E |-5-5-5-3-3-3-1-1-1-0--0-0-----5\--|

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