Spoonful

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Why, yes, it is a bone-simple, one-chord song. Oh, and by the way, this is a different song than "Spoonful Blues" by Charley Patton. The Howlin' Wolf version of this is fully transcribed in the June 2006 issue of Guitar One. A great discussion of the Eric Clapton Cream cover (and how to play it) is on the "Slowhand Blues Guitar site (www.12bar.de/solocream.php). It is just a basic shuffle blues in E (Cream plays it in Em, Howlin' Wolf in E7).

E
It could be a spoonful of diamonds,
Could be a spoonful of gold.
Just a little spoon of your precious love
Satisfy my soul
A man lies about little.
Some of them cries about a little;
Some of them dies about a little.
Everything fight about a spoonful,
That spoon, that spoon, that spoonful.

It could be a spoonful of coffee,
Could be a spoonful of tea.
But a little spoon of your precious love
Good enough for me.
Men lies about that.
Some of them dies about that;
Some of them cries about that.
But everything fight about a spoonful,
That spoon, that spoon, that...

INSTRUMENTAL VERSE:

It could be a spoonful of water
Saved me from the desert sand.
But one spoon of little .45
Saved you from another man.
Men lies about that.
Some of them cries about that;
Some of them dies about that.
Everybody fightin' about a spoonful.
That spoon, that spoon, that...