

REDEMPTION SONG by Bob Marley (1980)

INTRO

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VERSE 1:

G **Em**
 Old pirates, yes, they rob I
C (1/2) **C/B (1/2)** **Am**
 sold I to the merchant ships
G **Em**
 Minutes after they took I
C (1/2) **C/B (1/2)** **Am**
 from the bottomless pit.
G **Em7** **C**
 But my hand was made strong
C (1/2) **C/B (1/2)** **Am**
 by the hand of the Almighty.
G **Em** **C** **D (2)**
 We forward in this generation triumphantly.

CHORUS:

G
 Won't you help to sing
C (1/2) **D (1/2)** **G**
 these songs of freedom?
C (1/2) **D (1/2)** **Em**
 'Cause all I ever have
C (1/2) **D (1/2)** **G** **C (1/2)** **D (1/2)**
 redemption songs.

VERSE 2:

G **Em**
 Emancipate yourselves from mental slavery
C (1/2) **C/B (1/2)** **Am**
 none but ourselves can free our minds.
G **Em**
 Have no fear for atomic energy
C (1/2) **C/B (1/2)** **D**
 'cause none of them can stop the time.
G **Em**
 How long shall they kill our prophets
C (1/2) **C/B (1/2)** **Am**
 While we stand aside and look?
G **Em**
 Some say it's just a part of it
C (1/2) **C/B (1/2)** **D (2)**
 we've got to fulfill the book.

CHORUS 2:

INSTRUMENTAL:

/ Em - - - / C - D - / x4 (only downs)

REPEAT VERSE 2

CHORUS 3

Strum :

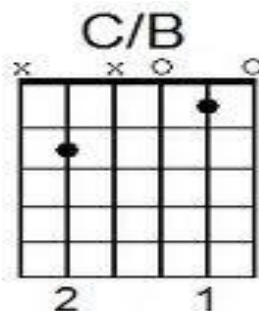
Bob was using mainly downs in the original recording, mixed with other patterns...
This is what I would suggest as main strum:

D/x D/U x/U D/U

And:

D/x D/U for all half bars

C/B chord:



Good Luck !!

Patrice