

# Johnny B Good – Chuck Berry (1958)

## Intro

### Verse 1

Deep down in Louisiana close to New Orleans  
Way back up in the woods among the evergreens  
There stood a log cabin made of earth and wood  
Where lived a country boy named Johnny B. Goode  
Who never ever learned to read or write so well  
But he could play the guitar just like a ringin' a bell

### Chorus1

Go, go, go Johnny go go  
go Johnny go go  
go Johnny go go  
go Johnny go go  
Johnny B. Goode

### Verse 2

He used to carry his guitar in a gunny sack  
Or sit beneath the tree by the railroad track  
Oh an engineer could see him sitting in the shade  
Strummin' to the rhythm that the drivers made  
People passing by they would stop and say  
Oh my but that little country boy could play

### Chorus2

#### Solo 1

*(over 2 rounds, one break on the start, one break in between)*

### Verse 3

His mother told him "someday you will be a man"  
And you will be the leader of a big old band  
Many people coming from miles around  
And hear you play your music till the sun go down  
Maybe someday your name will be in lights  
Sayin' 'Johnny B. Goode tonight'

### Chorus3

#### Solo 2

*(over 2 rounds, one break on the start, one break in between)*

### Slow ending

#### Intro:

There is a whole round of solo for the intro. On the first 4 bars in A, the lead guitar is on its own.

The rhythm section will only play the 3<sup>rd</sup> bar by a quick down stroke on the first beat, that's all.

The full rhythm then really starts in D (5<sup>th</sup> bar).

#### Basic structure:

**A / A / A / A**

**D / D / A / A**

**E / D / A / A**

Breaks are then played on the start and middle of the solo in the middle of the song, following the below structure.

#### Breaks for solo:

*(1st 4 bars of A)*

**d/ 2 3 4**

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**d/ 2 d/ 4**

**d/ d/ d/ d/**

**Good luck!**

**Patrice**