Proud Mary
John Fogerty, 1969

Chords in this song:

Intro: Repeat until count in

4 beats – 8 stokes

G
Intro

1 4 beats – 8 stokes

2 4 beats – 8 stokes

3 4 beats – 8 stokes

4 4 beats – 8 stokes

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

F D F D F D F D

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

F D C Bb

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Verse 1

Left a good job in the city,

Workin' for the Man every night and day,

And I never lost one minute of sleepin',

Worrying 'bout the way things might have been.
Chorus

Big wheel keep on turning,

Proud Mary keep on burning,

Rollin', rollin', rollin' on the river.
Verse 2

Cleaned a lot of plates in Memphis,

Pumped a lot of pain down in New Orleans,

But I never saw the good side of the city,

'Til I hitched a ride on a river boat queen.
Chorus

Big wheel keep on turning,

Proud Mary keep on burning,

Rollin', rollin', rollin' on the river.
Intro

1. 4 beats – 8 stokes
   1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
   F D
   X

2. 4 beats – 8 stokes
   1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
   F D
   X

3. 4 beats – 8 stokes
   1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
   F D C Bb
   X X X X

4. 4 beats – 8 stokes
   1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
   Bb G
Verse 3

If you come down to the river,

Bet you gonna find some people who live.

You don't have to worry 'cause you have no money,

People on the river are happy to give.
Chorus

Big wheel keep on turning,

Proud Mary keep on burning,

Rollin', rollin', rollin' on the river.
Intro

1. 4 beats – 8 stokes
   - 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
   - F D

2. 4 beats – 8 stokes
   - 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
   - F D

3. 4 beats – 8 stokes
   - 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
   - F D C Bb

4. 4 beats – 8 stokes
   - 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
   - Bb G
Chorus

Big wheel keep on turning,

Proud Mary keep on burning,

Rollin', rollin', rollin' on the river.
Ending

Rollin', rollin', rollin' on the river.

[slow]                   [hold]

Rollin', rollin', rollin' on the river.

[end]
Basic Strum

1. Extra emphasis on beats “4” and “8”

2. The “X” means strum all the strings, but they should be completely muted

3. Keep your arm moving down-up-down-up, even on the beats that are muted