

Rocket Man

(I Think It's Gonna Be a Long Long Time)

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Key: Gm

Tempo: 68

Chords needed: Gm, C7, C7sus4, Eb, Bb, Cm, Cm7

Video Tutorial:

Strum Pattern:

1 e & a 2 e & a 3 e & a 4 e & a
D D D D U U U D U D U

Intro Riff - repeat twice if desired.

1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &
Gm7
A|1---1---1---1---|--1/3-----|-----|-----|
E|1-----|--1/3-----|-----|-----|
C|2-----|--2/4-----|-----|-----|
G|0-0---0---0---|0-1/3-----|-----|-----|

G Minor Riff - played in verse over C7 Chords

1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 1 & 2 e & a 3 & 4 &
Gm7 C7
A|-----|----3p1---1---1/3---|
E|-----|-----3---3-----|
C|-----|-----|
G|-----|-----|

Verse 1

Gm7 C7
She packed my bags last night pre-flight
Gm7 C7
Zero hour, nine a.m.
Eb Bb Cm Cm7 F
And I'm gonna be high as a kite by then
Gm7 C7 C7sus4 C7
I miss the earth so much, I miss my wife
Gm7 C7 C7sus4 C7
It's so lonely out in space
Eb Bb Cm Cm7 F
On such a time less flight

Chorus: [x2]

Bb Eb
And I think it's gonna be a long, long time
Bb
'Till touch down brings me round again to find
Eb
I'm not the man they think I am at home
Bb C7
Oh no, no, no, I'm a rocket man
Eb Bb Eb
Rocket man, burning out his fuse up here alone

Verse 2

Gm7 C
Mars ain't the kind of place to raise your kids
Gm7 C
In fact it's cold as hell
Eb Bb Cm Cm7 F
And there's no one there to raise them, if you did
Gm7 C7
And all this science I don't understand
Gm7 C7
It's just my job, five days a week
Eb Bb Cm Cm7 F
A rocket man, a rocket man

Chorus: [x2]

Outro x4

Eb Bb
And I think it's gonna be a long, long time

[end on Eb]