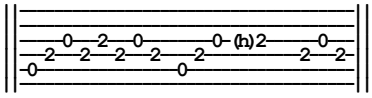
Red Right Hand by Nick Cave, as performed by Vixy & Tony

Capo 2

Basic Arpeggio

Play with right hand thumping the guitar body on each downstroke.



Chord progression is standard 12-bar Blues.

Am Take a little walk to the edge of town and go across the tracks
Where the viaduct looms like a bird of doom as it shifts and cracks
Dm Where secrets lie in the border fires and the humming wires
And now you know you're never coming back
Am Past the square, past the bridge, past the mills, past the stacks
Em On a gathering storm comes a tall handsome man
Dm In a dusty black coat with a red right hand
Am

Am He'll wrap you in his arms, tell you that you've been a good boy
Rekindle all the dreams it took you a lifetime to destroy
Dm He'll reach deep into the hole, heal your shrinking soul
But there won't be a single thing that you can do
Am He's a God, he's a man, he's a ghost, he's a guru
Em They're whispering his name through this disappearing land
Dm But hidden in his coat is a red right hand
Am

Am You don't have no money, he'll get you some
You don't have no car, he'll get you one
Dm You don't have no self-respect, you feel like an insect
Well don't you worry, baby, ‘cause here he comes
Am Through the ghettos and the barrio and the bowery and the slums
Em A shadow is cast wherever he stands
Dm Stacks of green paper in his red right hand
Am

Am You'll see him in your nightmares, you'll see him in your dreams
He'll appear out of nowhere but he ain't what he seems
Dm You'll see him in your head, on the TV screen
Oh baby, I'm warning you to turn it off
Am He's a ghost, he's a God, he's a man, he's a guru
Em You're one microscopic cog in his catastrophic plan
Dm Designed and directed by his red right hand
Am