

# Beat The Retreat - Richard Thompson – Standard Tuning

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Key: Tuning: C G D G B E Notes: The song is in C mixolydian (C-D-D-F-G-A-Bb), but sometimes A B shows up. From the album Pour Down Like Silver.

[Verse 1]

Beat my retreat, back home to you C Cadd4 G5

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Burning all my bridges A C

I'm burning all my bridges A C

I'm burning all my bridges A C

I'm running back home to you G5 C Cadd4

[Verse 2]

Trailing my colours, back home to you G C

Trailing my colours, back home to you F C G F

This world is filled with sadness C F

This world is filled with sadness C F

This world is filled with sadness C

I'm running back home to you G C

[Instrumental] [Same chords as verse]

[Verse 3]

I follow the drum, back home to you C Cadd4 G5

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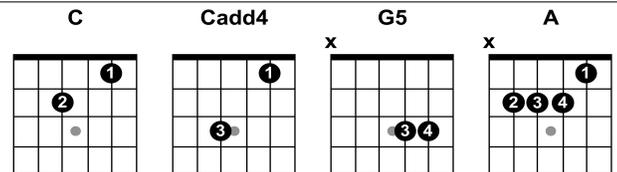
There was no sense in my leaving A C

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There was no sense in my leaving A

I'm running back home to you G5 C Cadd4

[Close] [Same chords as verse]



You can play the song quite adequately in standard, but you won't get the same bass feel. Also, Richard frequently plays octave bass runs like:

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E-----|
B-----|
G--0---2-s1-3-s1-2--|
D-----|
G--0---2-s1-3-s1-2--|
C-----|
    
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These are much easier when you have the octave G strings as open, since you can damp out the B string more easily.

### Other variation

From a 2013 cover by the You Tube handle of: offaloffice

Tuned to CGDGBE, Capo on 4th fret.

Main chords: X00077, 660670, 006050. Add spices and garnish as desired, but listen to Thompson's for the real fine dining. Hope you enjoy!